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Countdown!

1,000 days to the London Paralympics

by Peter Cordwell

Squeals of pleasure - and the odd triumphant shout - filled the air as children and young people with disabilities gathered to celebrate the moment when the London 2012 Paralympic Games were exactly 1,000 days away.

And the best bit, as ever, was them joining in at the uplifting event at Eltham Green Specialist Sports College.

Wheelchair users and visually-impaired pupils and students from schools all over Greenwich had a go at wheelchair football, New Age Kurling and the

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IT'S IN THE EYES: a Greenwich pupil is all concentration as he tries New Age Kurling

Council call for more crossings

TRAVEL chaos that followed a fire in the Blackwall Tunnel last week underlined the need for more river crossings. Deputy Greenwich Council leader Peter Brooks told GT: "The travel difficulties experienced on the Monday morning showed starkly the dangers for Londoners of relying so heavily on the Blackwall Tunnel."

"Greenwich Council has consistently pressed for a package of further river crossings, to relieve the pressure on the crossing at Blackwall, which is why we were extremely disappointed at the decision of the Mayor of London to scrap plans for the Thames Gateway Bridge." Cllr Brooks added: "The results of such a shortsighted decision were felt last week, not just by the thousands who had disrupted journeys to work, but by businesses on both sides of the river that were not able to function properly."

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In my
opinionDon't
judge us
by our
dress

AS a lot of my work is based out of London, a huge amount of my time is spent on long-distance train journeys. For this task I would usually wear a loose fitting jumper and a pair of comfortable jeans; a very practical outfit. However, as I dressed for a recent jaunt, my jeans were all in the wash, so I threw on some old jogging bottoms and a stripey jumper and headed off on my journey. Little did I know that this slight sartorial alteration would impact on my entire trip. I found myself sat opposite a woman who, upon seeing me, clutched her handbag and jammed it between her leg and the wall. She then proceeded to look me up and down several times with a disapproving glare. I have never elicited such a response. Simply by switching my jeans to jogging bottoms and accompanying them with a striped jumper I had changed from a faceless commuter to a potential bag-snatching mugger. Or at least I had in that woman's eyes. This event set me

off thinking- why do we base our opinions of people on what they wear? I'm sure some of you have thrown a coat over your pyjamas to pop out for some milk before, but going to the shops in your nightwear once doesn't make you a slob. Equally, a pair of jogging bottoms and a stripey jumper doesn't automatically make me a hoodlum. First impressions are almost always wrong. Just because a small minority of teens, in jogging bottoms and hoodies, get into trouble doesn't mean that all that make those style choices deserve disdainful looks and distrust. How must they feel; being at the receiving end of that negativity day after day? As a society, we pigeon hole people far too much. We should judge people on their behaviour alone- not categorise them based on what they wear. If there were a spate of crimes where the perpetrators were clad in cardigans and comfortable shoes would we suddenly shun our OAPs? No. So let's not do it to our young people.

Dean Beadle

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The credit union that's shark-free

GREENWICH Credit Union has been re-launched in a bid to steer cash-strapped locals away from loan sharks and towards more reputable lenders.

The union - which has a shop on Thomas Street, Woolwich - offers loan rates that

won't break the bank. Timeline's interest rates are far lower than unscrupulous - and illegal - "doorstep loans", charging just 1 per cent per month on a reducing balance. An example of this means that on a £500 loan, a total of £33 interest would be

charged over 12 monthly repayments of £45. On a £1,000 loan, £66 interest would be payable, and £198 charged on a £3,000 lend.

Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich council's cabinet member for economy and skills, said: "I'd like to

congratulate the credit union on its success so far, and welcome its name change, because now it 'says on the tin', what it does. From its small beginnings it has become a multi-million-pound business employing four staff. It shows

what can be done by a small group of people with a vision." For advice on loans, the shop at 48 Thomas Street - next to Marks and Spencer - is open from 10am-3pm Monday to Friday, or telephone 020-8855 4344 for more information.



Gunners' fans' homes from home

Arsenal supporters go back to their roots

by Peter Cordwell

THE pub where Arsenal players used to change for games played on their "home turf" on Plumstead Common was the perfect starting point for a charity walk to the club's new home, The Emirates.

Twenty-five fans set out from the Star Inn at 8am on Sunday, November 29, to visit every ground where the Gunners have played since they were founded in 1886 by workers at the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich.

The fans made it to The Emirates for the match against Chelsea. As well as local

supporters there were some from as far as Maidstone, Iceland and Norway.

Supporter Graham Stubbles told GT: "Last year we did a walk from Arsenal to West Ham and this year we decided to visit the various historical sites in this area linked to the club.

"It's 14 miles so it's quite an effort but we'll be raising funds for the Great Ormond Street Hospital, which is Arsenal's charity for this season. We're doing it 50-50 with the Willow Foundation,

the charity of ex-Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson that gives young adults with life-threatening diseases special days out. Bob will be joining us at The Angel on the last part of the walk today."

Fellow fan Elaine Williams said: "The players used to change in the back room of the Star Inn for the games they played on Plumstead Common. Arsenal played on four grounds south of the river - Plumstead Common, the Invicta ground just off Plumstead High Street, and the Sportsman and Manor grounds where the West

Thamesmead Business Park is now.

"David Danskin, a Scot, worked in Dial Square, one of the factories at the Arsenal, and he founded Dial Square FC, the first-ever Arsenal side with his workmates in 1886." And Elaine was wearing the T-shirt to prove it.

The fans also had some flowers and a present for the family in Hector Street, which has Invicta terracing in their back garden.

The walk went well, despite the drenching rain, more than £4,000 being raised for the two charities.

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'It's just like a five-star hotel'

Sheltered home is named after 'dedicated' Dick Neve

by Pat Greenwood

THE first residents have been welcomed into Greenwich Council's state-of-the-art "extra care" sheltered housing scheme, ready for Christmas.

Richard Neve House, named after a former mayor, is on Plumstead High Street, about five minutes' walk from the station. It has 43 flats, some doubles, and eight that can be used temporarily for rehabilitation after a stay in hospital.

The £3.9 million project, financed jointly by the Department of Health and Greenwich Council reserves, has enough photo-voltaic solar panels on its roof to cover one tenth of its energy requirements - and the Met Police have already given it a 'Secure by Design' award.

The project is an upgrade of a former sheltered housing scheme of bed-sits and a sister scheme to the new 58-unit Lakeview in Central Way, Thamesmead - which opened in August.

Another 58-unit scheme on the site of the old



NEW HOME: Mayor of Greenwich Allan MacCarthy does the honours at the opening

Royal Military Hospital on Shooters Hill is due to take its first residents from April.

The aim of all three schemes is to enable people facing difficult health challenges to be able to stay as independently as possible - for as long as possible. Prospective residents need to be referred for a place by their support workers.

Mayor of Greenwich Allan MacCarthy did the official opening. He said: "This is a smashing project and I think it's going to be great for the people living here."

The Mayor, one of only a few councillors who served with "Dick" Neve,

said: "He was very dedicated and had a great interest in social services - so to have a place like this named after him is just perfect."

New resident Sue Wallis, aged 57, lost most of her sight within months of being born prematurely. Sue, who has lived in Woolwich for 42 years, needed some extra support when her mum, June, died last year. She said: "This is a community where we can all help each other. Two of my friends came to see me the day after I moved in and told me it's just like a five-star hotel!"

Retired builder Ange Achille, 72, and his wife, Myriam, 69, lived just across the road from the scheme until a few years ago. Ange has been having chemo treatment for cancer throughout this year. His wife is recovering from a fall. Now they need the extra support that staff at Richard Neve House can give.

● **RICHARD "Dick" Neve** was Mayor of Greenwich in 1975/6. A former pupil of St Patrick's RC School in Griffin Road, Plumstead, he was a keen fan of Charlton Athletic and a regular broadcaster on the Valley's "Radio Valiant". He died in 1984. Dick's sister Joyce, along with three of his nieces and two nephews, attended the opening.



WALK ON IN: The Mayor obviously enjoyed his visit

Andrew scoops Prince's award

OUR 'Prince Andrew' did it! Greenwich's 17-year-old Cleransweeper was crowned Education Achiever of the Year at the prestigious Prince's Trust 'Celebrate Success' awards last week.

He was chosen from thousands of young people helped by The Prince's Trust in the South East and London area.

Andrew, who earlier this year gained one of the 250 "green jobs" created by Greenwich Council, impressed judges by the way he

cares for his father, who suffers from severe arthritis, and his sister, who is unable to talk or hear. Andrew's mother died when he was young. But having joined the Prince's Trust course at Abbey Wood School, he began focusing on balancing the support he needed to offer at home with the need to build a future for himself."



NHS Greenwich

New GP surgery opening in Charlton & Kidbrooke near Shooters Hill

Residents in Charlton and Kidbrooke will be able to register with a brand new doctor's surgery on Holburne Road from Monday 14 December 2009.

The new surgery's address is:

Shooters Hill Medical Centre,
201 Holburne Road,
London,
SE3 8HQ

Open 6 days a week:

Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm
Saturdays 8am to 1pm.



In addition, the surgery will be offering evening appointments two days a week until 7.30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Tel: 0208 331 3400.

www.yourevolutionhealth.co.uk

The surgery is run by Evolution Health, an exciting new GP-led partnership formed by two long established GP practices working in South East London.

Evolution Health are committed to providing high quality, patient-focused GP services and are delighted to bring their wealth of experience to Shooters Hill Medical Centre.

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Memories of the Arsenal

I WOULD like to express my sentiments of my experience of my two brothers Eric and Peter and myself of our years in the Royal Arsenal. Peter served an apprenticeship in the Taylor Shop, from there to the RAF in Italy and Egypt, from whence he emigrated to New Zealand. He became the President of the Australia and New

Zealand Ski Association. He was an accomplished skier and sadly passed on recently. He left a legacy in Auckland which is perpetuated in his memory. The Young Skiers Training School has flowers to his memory. My elder brother Eric worked many years in the



Arsenal, and yours truly served an apprenticeship in the R.C.D. (Royal Carriage Department) before doing National Service in Egypt and Palestine. I am the last survivor of my immediate family and have been a resident of Greenwich for 61 years. It's always been a good borough and deserves all

that is good coming to it for the Olympics. I am now at the twilight of my days (87) and will always have good memories of Woolwich Arsenal. All strength to the new modern world that has developed in those hallowed walls and every success to the future.

E.M. Lawrence, Eltham

● THANKS for sharing that with us, Mr Lawrence. **Ed**

Read it wrong

JUDITH Bramley is wrong to attack the fact children of four and upwards are taught how to read nowadays. I'm a grandmother of seven and I can see how much they all benefit from going to children's centres and early learning facilities. The staff are completely focused on my grandchildren's needs, helping them to develop at their own pace. They love it so much I often have trouble getting them to leave! So while Ms Bramley longs for the old days, I'm old enough to remember when it was only the wealthy who could afford

to educate their children from an early age. This gave them an unfair advantage over others - a situation I would hate to see return today.

● **Greenwich gran, 74**
Greenwich has 23 children's centres across the borough, offering children a stimulating and enjoyable environment to play and interact with other children their age. The council's efforts to engage children are centred on their needs - and Greenwich results outperform the national picture in many areas. For more details go www.greenwich.gov.uk/learning

Lights not so fantastic...

I WOULD like to know who was responsible for the total shut-down of Eltham on Thursday, November 20, for the switching on of the Christmas lights. I tried to get to Sainsbury's, only to find that all vehicular access was blocked. The queue along

North Park took 20 minutes to drive through and the PCSO on duty at the turning towards the Sainsbury's entrance was not even aware that the other entrance was also closed. **Mrs. M. Robinson, Eltham**

● **THE council** apologises apologise for the inconvenience caused. This is an annual event but traffic was heavier this year than in previous ones. Traffic arrangements will be reviewed with the police ahead of next year's event.

TIME TO REFLECT

I WRITE as a pedestrian and a motorist. The evenings are dark and gloomy now. When pedestrians are stepping off pavements, crossing roads, etc they look like vague shadows if the area is not well lit. I am writing to ask that the 'Be Safe, Be Seen' slogan is revived to make everyone more aware of safety in our streets and to ask for reflective strips and stripes to be made available for people to wear on their outer clothing. **Annie Hart, Blackheath**

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2009/10 season, so get writing! For information on 2009/10 season tickets please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



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A sporting chance

£4.7m makeover for park pitches and playgrounds

PLAY and sporting areas in neighbourhood parks are set to benefit from a £4.7m makeover in time for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Greenwich Council has secured the funding to improve sporting facilities at open spaces across the borough.

The Playground to Podium scheme is designed to provide modern, accessible places for locals to play sport and be active. It's hoped the range of new facilities will create an interest in sport and physical activity in the run up to the London Olympics and form part of Greenwich's legacy from its role as an Olympic host borough.

More than £52,000 of additional funding for the scheme is also coming from the Big Lottery Play fund with a further £100,850 coming from the Greenwich Waterfront Regeneration Agency.

Improvements are due to start immediately and completed by 2011.

Improvements will take place at:

- Plumstead Gardens – construction of a new play area, play equipment and landscaping for older young people (youth zone), spectator seating to football pitch area, new cricket nets and new multi use games area
- Bostall Heath - running distance markers and orienteering aids, renovations to bowls pavilion to include new electric roller shutter and



MORE OF THIS: locals flock to the opening of a new all-weather rubber pitch at Blackheath Rugby Club back in August. Greenwich Council contributed £100,000 to the £575,000 state-of the art ground

replacement of four cricket nets

- Bostall Gardens – marking two existing tennis courts, re-roofing, resurfacing and fencing and repairs to feature paths

- Plumstead Common – repairs to bowls and tennis club, internal improvements to pavilion and external redecoration to two pavilions

- Charlton Park – upgrade showers, accommodation and services to western changing rooms and internal redecoration to eastern

changing rooms.

The makeovers are part of a wider programme of improvements at recreational areas across the borough and it's hoped the funding will help the council to achieve eight more Green Flag sites by 2012.

Councillor John Fahy, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for culture and Olympics, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for Greenwich to help increase and improve the standard of

local sports facilities and park environments.

"Large residential communities will have easy access to these new improved facilities, which will be complemented both by the development of the three Olympic venues in the borough and the Building Schools for the Future programme.

"The scheme will provide significantly enhanced local facilities for residents at no extra cost to the Council."

Bogus callers warning

POLICE officers in Charlton are asking locals to check before letting anyone into their homes after a series of reports about bogus callers.

Sergeant Adrian Musgrave from the Charlton Safer Neighbourhoods team is particularly aiming the advice at vulnerable and elderly residents.

He explained bogus callers will often pretend to be employees from utility companies or the council.

"They may claim to be tradesmen calling to carry out urgent repairs. They succeed because they sound believable. Think before you open the door; use your chain or spy hole or look out of the window to see if you recognise them," said the Sgt.

And he issued the following tips:

- If you are not expecting any visits, ask for details but do not let anyone in until you are sure about their identity.
- Arrange for callers to come back at a time convenient for you; genuine callers will not object. Use this time to confirm who the caller is by phoning the business they claim to represent.
- Do not allow a caller to rush you or confuse you. If they insist and do not accept that you are not letting them in your home, shut the door immediately and dial 999.

- If you are concerned about bogus callers in your area or have any information that would assist the police, please contact your local team on 020 8721 2734.

You can also call the new non emergency police number 0300 123 1212. In an emergency always dial 999.

Car-free Greenwich town centre

GREENWICH Council wants your views on proposals to pedestrianise part of Greenwich town centre.

Details of the proposals, together with a visual computer model of their impact on traffic flow, will be on display at Devonport House, King William Walk, Greenwich. Expert traffic engineers will also be on hand to answer questions daily from 10am to 8pm on: Saturday 19 December, Sunday 20 December and Monday 21 December.

Information and a questionnaire about the proposals are also being distributed in a booklet to homes and businesses in the area and will be available in local libraries and Council buildings. The pedestrianisation

scheme proposed by the Council would entail closing College Approach and King William Walk (northern section) to all traffic except for access.

Greenwich Church Street north of Creek Road would become a 'shared space' for pedestrians and vehicles.

Traffic would be accommodated either through making Nelson Road two-way with a T-junction at Greenwich Church Street, or by routing traffic clockwise via Norman Road, Creek Road, Greenwich Church Street and Greenwich High Road.

Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts said: "The idea of removing traffic from Greenwich town centre is one that has been expressed over many

years by residents, businesses and local tourist attractions and it's a proposal that the Council has been keen to explore for a long time.

"We are very keen to get the views of everyone who lives in, works in or visits Greenwich, and I hope as many people as possible will take part in the consultation on the Council's proposals."

Completed questionnaires should be returned by January 8 2010. The Council will also consider other written representations on the proposals.

- Further information is available on 020 8921 6114 or 020 8921 5587; it can also be downloaded at www.greenwich.gov.uk/consultations

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Kentish Independent legend George Glazebrook, the man whose book gave name to this page, was at the 1938 Exhibition of Woolwich Trade and Industries. Send your memories to 'The Way we Were', GT Communications, Woolwich Town Hall, SE18 6PW. Or email peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk

Making an exhibition of themselves

A GREY-HAIRED man with tired, staring eyes raises a hand that is clutching a leaf of white paper. The face forces a smile, the jaw sags, the mouth moves: "Peace in our time," it says. For a moment cheers and a ripple of applause echo in the autumn chill of Croydon aerodrome. A few miles to the north, men of Woolwich Chamber of Commerce breathe a sigh of relief: "We can go on, Gentlemen." Nearly blotted out by the threat of war, the 1938 Exhibition of Woolwich Trade and Industries opens at the Drill Hall in Beresford Street on 21 October - two weeks later than planned. I am walking around the stands and taking in the glories that are linked with the town and its working life. For a few, brief days the exhibition has taken over the hall from the Royal Artillery Territorials, who train there, and the dances. Oh, those dances - but that's another story!

My pal Owen is with me. He says: "Got any smokes with you?" I fumble in my pockets and produce a packet of Churchman's Tanners. We light up. "Bad for you," he breathes, inhaling down to his boots. "Stops you growing." He grins: "Thought you might have bought some Players, though."

"What, on a Wednesday night?" I reply, coughing. "I'll be down to five Woodbines tomorrow, I can tell you. Or, like those real hard-up blighters, I'll be sticking a pin in the end of a

stick and stalking dog-ends in the gutter."

We stare at the scene and watch the passing show. I say: "It nearly didn't come off, this lot. Bit too close to the Arsenal if there had been a war..."

Owen chuckles: "Only a grenade's throw away, you might say. Anyway, I reckon the whole thing was arranged. There was old Neville in Munich. He turns to Hitler and tells him: 'Look here, Adolf, ol' cock, we can't possibly go to war while they've got that do down at the Drill Hall in Woolwich now, can we?'"

"Think about all the lads who have got it all fixed up, like Stanley Harris, Eric Bailey, Arnold Heddle and old Rance, the Mayor. Not to mention my chum, Sir Kingsley Wood, who's the MP there and chairman of the organization."

"And not only that, Adolf, Sir Kingsley happens to be my Secretary of State for Air and he'd a drop a bomb on Berlin as soon as look at you."

'Look at this lot,' Owen is saying, as we gaze in some wonderment at the Kolsten Brandes' offerings. 'Wireless sets you can tune in by pressing buttons - all automatic, too, I bet that costs a fortune, eh?'



ADS LIBBED: some of the advertisements by local traders who had stands at the Woolwich Trades and Industries Exhibition at the Drill Hall, Woolwich, in October, 1938, and (right) the Kentish Independent's legendary columnist and layout man George Glazebrook

Sign here, mate. Play the game!"

"And that," Owen quips, "is how Neville came to be waving that scrap of paper and this bun-fight is going on

here tonight - come on, let's have a look around!"

Then we are rubbing shoulders with the sightseers. New-fangled contraptions galore are displayed. Electrical and communication marvels from Brothers, W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works, Standard Telephones & Cables and Johnson and Phillips.

"Look at this lot," Owen is saying, as we gaze in some wonderment at the Kolsten Brandes' offerings. "Wireless sets you can tune in by pressing buttons - all automatic, too, I bet that costs a fortune, eh?"

I look at the prices: "Says here they range from seven quid or half-a-crown a week to about fifteen quid or four and thr'pence a week." I shrug: "Still we've got one at home. The old Echo. We've had it five years; not a bad set. You can get Luxembourg on it on a clear, Sunday night."

Then there is the sound of music. A palm court-style string ensemble is playing a selection from the 'Desert Song'. Two men are scraping away on violins, another is arched over over the piano keyboard and a woman cuddles a cello between her knees.

"Swing it, baby," I remark with youthful cruelty, adding: "Bring on Harry Roy or Charlie Kunz!" Owen joins in: "Dishing out all that old-fashioned stuff - I could play a better tune on an elastic-band."

We walk on whistling to see the stands of Heddle Brothers the drapers from Thomas Street, George H. Leavey the tailors from Hare Street and Alderton the baker. The Kentish Independent is displaying a complicated Monotype typesetting machine, together with Sidney Ross the toyshop from Plumstead Road, G. A. Harvey, office equipment,

Charlton, and Mackintosh the soft drinks people from King's Highway.

Now we are on our way out. We pass the Woolwich Borough Council stand. Owen says: "Air raid precautions, that's their display." He turns to me: "A.R.P. they call it..."

I cut in wickedly: "More like Fireside Fusiliers if you ask me. You going to join, then? They've got enrollment over there - I dare you to fill one in." Owen smiles quietly and shakes his head. "No, this is serious, mate. Leave this job for the old 'uns, there'll be other things for us."

We are outside in Beresford Street. Nearly opposite, the lights from the Woolwich Empire stab the roadway, a glimmer reflects back from the tramlines. "Got any fags left?" I ask.





Hip, hip HOO RAY!

Artillery band wows young music lovers

THE Royal Artillery band put on a dazzling show for nearly a thousand young music fans.

The annual RA Concert was performed for primary school children from 26 schools on at the Woolwich public hall.

Sue Rayner, secretary of the Greenwich Schools Music Association, told GT: "It was fantastic. What's great is that the kids learn so much and get enthused about music. It makes them want to learn a

by Rod Kitson

musical instrument. The band is great at generating that kind of interest."

Ten-year-old Greenacres student Michael Bleyswyck said: "The concert was really good, especially the guitar part. I loved the solo, I play for my school band and I'd love to go on stage myself."

Performing two shows at the hall on Market Street, the 30-

piece band ("I know it's 30," joked Sue, "because I give them each a fiver for lunch!"), went through a whole repertoire, from classics to more contemporary tunes.

She added: "They played a mixed bag - one classical piece followed by the Indiana Jones theme, then later they played Shine by Take That, Human by the Killers and did a version of Heard It Through The Grapevine.

"Each year the band produce

an amazing concert, they change it every year and they listen to what the kids want."

At one point the trombonist from the orchestra came right into the crowd of awestruck youngsters, and gave them a closer look at the brass instrument.

Carlie White, 10, said: "I loved the trombone bit, it was really funny. I'm learning to play the trombone and I was really impressed. I think music is wonderful."



HAVING A BALL: the band and audience participation

Borough BRIEFS

Theirtube...

ELEVEN locals have successfully completed a tailored training programme to enable them to work effectively and safely on the Underground track network. The two-week pilot scheme was set up jointly between Greenwich Council and Tube Lines to help jobless people learn new skills. They were all recruited through the Greenwich Local Labour and Business scheme.

SANTA CAUSE

SANTA and his helpers are on a lorry this Sunday, December 13, distributing presents as usual to the youngest members of Coldharbour tenants' and residents' association, Eltham.

Chairman George McCaul, social secretary Paul Cartwright and the team have 75 gifts to be distributed to children on the estate aged six and under. Find out more about the association by emailing ctra@live.com

The Greenwich Chess Group

Chess is a Mind Sport that develops the brain.

I can improve your child's concentration and focus and help them to problem solve! Learning chess can help your child perform better in school too.

Come along to a Chess club at:

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Call Richard on 07939 827848 or email him at greenwich-chessgroup@hotmail.co.uk
children from 6 years old

Some 'fair' Christmas gifts

RESIDENTS will have a chance to purchase authentic Fairtrade products when a Fairtrade Market takes place at the Eltham Centre, Archery Road, Eltham from 11am-4pm on Saturday, December 12. Lovethatstuff, who have linked up with Greenwich Council to organise the market,

imports Fairtrade items directly from nine World Fair Trade Organisation producer groups. A whole host of products could make ideal Christmas presents, including:

- Handpainted decorations from Kashmir
- Jewellery from Chile, Nepal, India and Kenya

- Crochet shawls
- Purses and bags from India
- Men's and women's handloomed shirts from Nepal
- Fruit baskets from Uganda.

Other items will include expertly-carved wooden birds, Christmas decorations and other items from Argentina as well as

Palestinian olive oil, couscous and dates. Cllr John Fahy, co-chair of the borough's Fairtrade Steering Group, said: "It's a real pleasure to have a Fairtrade Market taking place at the Eltham Centre. With a range of unique items produced in a number of countries where Fairtrade plays a big

role, visitors can enjoy shopping for bargains whilst playing their part in helping thousands of people to build a better life for themselves. I would encourage everyone to take the time to visit, I certainly will be." For more information on Fairtrade, visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/fairtrade.

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No free lunch with Rosalie!

by Pat Greenwood

ROSALIE Vexter wants your money - for Cancer Research UK.

The busy Blackheath 80-year-old and her team of stalwarts have just clocked up a total of £225,000 for the charity over the past two decades, and they're after still more!

The chic grandmother, a retired fashion consultant, has always believed there should be plenty of "fun" in fund-raising. So Rosalie, her friend Pam Kendall and the rest of the local committee hold a sit-down buffet lunch (with wine, draw, raffle and speakers) on the first Thursday of the month at The Clarendon Hotel on Montpelier Row to which everyone is invited (£7 donation each).

In addition, they've partnered up with the nearby Blackheath Concert Halls' monthly tea-dances and the raffle proceeds there go into the fund.

On Wednesday mornings, the £3.50 keep fit and line-dancing sessions in the Kingswood Hall, off Dacre Park, also boost the cause.

"I think I got my genes from my grandmother," said Rosalie, originally an Essex girl who

Me & my borough

moved to Blackheath with husband Morris, now aged 85, when their children were small.

"My grandmother used to fund-raise for the London Hospital at Whitechapel and thought nothing of going up to people like the Rothchilds for her good causes."

The local Blackheath fund-raising team got their first big morale-booster 20 years ago when Rosalie's daughter, Dara, and her mates raised £2,000 at a Hallowe'en event at the Tower Hotel up the Thames.

Daughter and mum had never forgotten Dara's inspirational reception teacher, Jacqueline, at Brooklands Primary School, Blackheath, who had been felled by cancer at the age of 45.

Morris, a qualified accountant, has always done the books - and the group invites a rep from the charity's head office down to Blackheath every time they notch up another four or five thousand!

Rosalie and Morris and original lunch committee members like Evie, Diana, Ettie, Ann and Mooda put on the buffets at the old post office sports club at the bottom of Morden Road. For the past 15 years or so they've been at the Clarendon, and current general manager Ken Milton is a firm supporter.

Regulars at the lunch, the tea dances and the keep fit are encouraged to come up with ever ingenious ways of raising the cash.

"One lady who is saving five pence pieces in £5 lots is up to almost £5,000," said Rosalie.

She told GT: "We always tell people who come to our lunches that their donation is like an insurance. You take one out for fire or for your car and, in the same way, if you contribute to the charity, then you know - one day - a cure for cancer will be there."

● FULL details about the next Blackheath local committee's lunch from Rosalie on 020-8852 7127. The keep fit is on Wednesdays from 10am until noon, and the next tea dance at the Blackheath Halls is on December 16, starting at 2pm (£5 for pensioners and other concessions, and £6 for everyone else).



THURSDAY AT THE CLARENDON: Rosalie Vexter at the Blackheath hotel where her group holds a monthly fund-raising lunch for Cancer Research UK

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The scheme would close College Approach and King William Walk (north end) to all traffic, except for access.

Greenwich Council has commissioned studies, including a computerised model, to assess the effects of several traffic management options.

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Let there be lights

Lantern processions
launch town centre
festivities

A MAGICAL lantern procession helped to kickstart Christmas festivities in Greenwich town last month.

There was live music, free family entertainment and children's workshops as part of the Christmas lights switch on in the World Heritage Site on November 27.

It all began with the lantern procession led by the cast from Greenwich Theatre's Mother Goose pantomime, the Mayor of Greenwich Councillor Allan MacCarthy and a brass band. The procession wove its way through the town centre to Greenwich Market for the lights switch on at 4.30pm.

Then visitors had a chance to explore the market, meet Santa in his grotto and get into the Christmas spirit over a glass of mulled wine and mince pies.

Now the town centre is hosting a festive programme for all ages that runs into the new year.

- Tomorrow (December 9) the market and shops open until 7pm and a special Christmas market will be trading every day up to Christmas Eve and on December 27, 28, 30 and 31.

- Santa will be in his magical grotto at 5b Greenwich Market over the weekends of

Lots in store at shopping park

RETAILERS at Greenwich Shopping Park are opening later in the run up to Christmas. And they're providing free fun and games to keep children entertained while the adults shop. During week nights from Monday December 14 to Wednesday December 23, most stores in the centre off Bugsby's Way, Charlton, will open until at least 8pm with certain outlets open to 10pm. For the youngsters there'll be face painting and merry balloon modelling at Clarks on Tuesday December 15 from 2-6pm and at WH Smith on Tuesday December 22 from 4-8pm. For festive gift ideas, fashion advice, news and competitions visit www.greenwichshoppingpark.com

December 12 & 13 and December 19 & 20 from 11.30am to 5.30pm. (There's an entry charge of £3 and children must be accompanied by an adult).

- Greenwich Theatre's pantomime 'Mother Goose' runs until Sunday, January 3 2010. Visit www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk

- Enjoy a cosmic Christmas at the Royal Observatory, which will be running a 'Christmas Stars' show until Wednesday 23 December. Visit www.nmm.ac.uk

- Take a peak through the windows of local premises which have festive displays for a Living advent calendar. A newly decorated window opens each day

until Christmas Eve and they remain on view until January 2.

Full details at www.adventwindows.com

Greenwich Council leader Councillor Chris Roberts said: "The light switch on is such a

lovely event which kicks off the Christmas season wonderfully in Greenwich. Over the next few weeks there is so much to do for all the family, and Greenwich town centre has such a magical atmosphere at Christmas - the area is the perfect festive setting."

- Festive revellers can try to spot themselves on the Big Screen as they join in a huge Christmas sing-a-long in General Gordon Square, Woolwich. It's all part of the Woolwich Winter Warmer on Saturday December 12. There'll be music, a lantern procession, a Talk cafe and fireworks during the free event from 2-5pm. Free lantern workshops for children take place earlier in the day from 10.30am-12.30pm at the Heritage Centre with the lantern procession leaving from the Firepower museum at 4.15pm.

- More Christmas listings at www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Dec 10 - Overview & Scrutiny, 7pm.

Dec 14 - Licensing sub committee A, 3pm.

Dec 15 - Cabinet Committee, 5.30pm

Planning Board, 6.30pm.

Finance & Public Services Scrutiny Panel, 7pm.

Dec 16 - Council, 7pm.

Dec 17 - Greenwich Partnership, 6pm. Call Jill Crumpton on 020 8921 6488.

Licensing sub committee C, 6.30pm.

Glyndon & West Plumstead Local Housing Panel, 7pm, Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road.

More information on 020-8921 5130 or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/committees

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BRIEFS**Top twirlers**

ONYX Baton Twirlers of Thamesmead have won awards in national championships at Dagenham and Torbay. The twirlers meet from 5pm-7pm on Tuesdays at Manor Close Community Centre, 40 Manor Close,

Thamesmead. They are a competitive troupe and participate in Twirl, Dance and Pom team routines as well as individual solo events. New members aged six and upwards welcome. Ring Rose on 0208-310 2475.

New rail timetable brings more trains

TIMETABLE changes to Southeastern rail services come in next week. Rail operators are introducing a new timetable starting on Monday, December 14 which will bring more trains during peak times and in many cases during off-peak times too.

Although Greenwich will see a net increase in the number of train services, concerns have been raised about the loss of some local connections between Woolwich and Blackheath, and Central London connections to and from Blackheath.

Southeastern say they will monitor the situation and renegotiate the changes if crowding on trains becomes unacceptable.

The timetable changes are the biggest in 40 years and have come about with the introduction of high speed services which allow rail operators to increase capacity and provide more services for more people.

On the first working day of the new timetable, Southeastern staff will be out in force at stations to offer advice to passengers on the new services.

Details of the new train timings will be available on posters at stations and by announcement on board trains and at stations.

Route timetables will be handed out by rail staff and can be picked up from station ticket offices. The information can also be available by post, email and SMS messages and through the Southeastern website at www.southeasternrailway.co.uk

Southeastern public affairs manager Mike Gibson said: "Once the Christmas and New Year breaks are over and commuters return to work, we will be carefully monitoring passenger numbers on our services and if there is case for change and assuming the department for Transport agree, amendments to the timetable can be made in May 2010."

● Travellers are reminded that they will be able to use Oyster Pay As You Go on rail services from January 2.

The scheme is being expanded to cover all stations in the Greater London travel card zone allowing passengers seamless access to bus, underground, Tramlink and Docklands Light Railway services without the need to buy separate tickets.



DANCE OFF: teens entertain the young delegates as part of the Y Factor showcase

The youth fairy

Teens have their say on running the world

by Pat Greenwood

MORE than 100 young people got together to debate 21st century issues important to them at a special youth conference last month.

School council and youth club reps met for the fifth annual Y-factor conference at Charlton Athletic FC. The 14 to 16 year-olds spent a day talking about issues such as tackling drugs and alcohol, improving personal safety, reducing homelessness and cutting crime.

It's the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, and conference-organisers were keen for the young delegates' opinions to be heard – noting what works for them, and for suggestions on how to improve things for the future.

The event also highlighted how young adults can ensure their voice is heard all year round, through Greenwich Young Peoples Council (GYPC) and the Area Youth Forums (AYFs).

In addition, there were exhibition stands around the room offering a range of information and useful contacts, as well as details of different organisations keen to interest and involve teenagers.

Councillor Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children

VOICING THEIR CONCERNS

● **Chloe, 13**, of Charlton, is in Year 8 at the John Roan School, Maze Hill. She said: "It's the first time I've been to anything like this. I knew it would be good fun, and, if I get a chance, I'll be asking if there's anything in particular we as young people in Greenwich can do to help the Youth of London. "I'd like to be an actress, maybe even an MP. But I know I have to work exceedingly hard to make it!"

● **Tom, 14**, goes to Thomas Tallis School in Kidbrooke

and he's one of the three student-reps on the school's governing body. He said: "I've been to lots of conferences. This one is quite interesting because there are lots of different parts of the community giving their opinions. I also liked hearing about Unicef and the work they do."

● **Jess, 12**, from Lee, is a member of Thomas Tallis's school council. She told GT: "We have to come up with ideas together. It's really good. At the

moment our school is going to be rebuilt. We'd hoping to do something with the big construction notice board that has gone up – maybe, put some stickers and some funky art on it, because we're an arts college. Maybe a timeline of the work too." Jess added: "I think people don't always respect teenagers and their opinions. Some always expect you to be bad. And it's hard for some young people, because they are being brought up in hard times, and they need to be understood."

and young people, said: "The Y-Factor is a great event as it allows young people to have their say on matters that directly affect them. It also highlights the good work our youth groups do and how they bring young people across Greenwich together to get involved with different activities as well as learn new skills."

She added: "We are incredibly proud of the time and commitment young people

give to the borough and we would like to see even more people participate and do wonderful things for the future."

Chief Insp Chris Hafford, the newly-appointed Partnership Support Officer for Greenwich, who is based at Plumstead police station, said: "The energy coming from the young people today is absolutely superb, along with the enthusiasm for improving their local community and making it safer."

UNICEF was very impressed with the young delegates – and the borough.

The worldwide charitable organisation's Education Officer for London, Maura Hayes, told GT: "I saw the excellent commitment of Greenwich Council to Article 12 of the UN Convention on the rights of the child, which gives children and young people a voice on matters that concern them."

She added: "There were lots of confident young people, there was a great 'buzz' – and a focus on the link between rights, respect and responsibility."



DISCUSSION POINT: young people take part in a workshop about knife crime

This way to have your say

YOUNG people can continue to have their say all the year round. There are four Area Youth Forums (AYFs) in Greenwich, open to anyone aged between 11 and 19. Call 020-8921 4764 or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/teenagers

Just ripe for the picking

Young entrepreneurs chosen to run playground fruit stall



A BUNCH of keen 10 and 11-year-olds are really putting some Bite into Business!

The group of Year 6s at Haimo Primary School in Haimo Road, Eltham, are running the playtime fruit tuck shop without adult supervision.

Their juices are flowing – and sufficient cash is coming in to make the entire enterprise self-sufficient.

Sue Pollock is the development worker for Greenwich Community Food Co-op which supports fruit tuck shops in local schools.

She told GT: "It's tremendous! In fact, these children have managed to establish a small social enterprise.

"There was a 'job description' and they were each recruited after an application and an interview.

"I'd like Haimo to take what it's achieved to other schools to show what can be done."

Ashley, Leyla, Chloe, Sydney, Sophie and their associates were inspired by watching the school's fruit tuck shop in operation last year under the supervision of Haimo's Family and Community Liaison Officer Caren Walker.

Caren sought the help of young people from Central Eltham Youth Project, just off the High Street, to create a job application form – and then sifting, short-listing and interviews followed! There was also a short maths test before the dreaded envelopes were distributed indicating whether each of the candidates had been successful – or not.

Now almost two-dozen young customers pay £1 a week to get a

by Pat Greenwood

range of fruit, on sale from a toy store-cupboard in a corner of the playground.

If there's a profit, then Caren encourages tuck-shop organisers to offer additional 'funky fruit' lines – like pineapple, kiwi or melon – to give regulars an additional treat, along with their purchases.

Sophie said: "The application form asked whether we were willing to

use up part of our play time to be a fruit tuck shop assistant."

Sydney added: "We had to say why we thought we'd be suitable for the job."

And Ashley said: "I can be very helpful and I am good at counting money. But I found it hard to talk about myself at the interview!"

Caren, who started fruit tuck shop three years ago at Haimo, said: "This is the first year that we have had people formally apply for the jobs. Hopefully, it has given them

skills they will need when they leave school. And, because they went for it in this way, they're passionate about what they do!"

GT left the team planning the produce and advertising for their fruit kebab stall for the school's Christmas fair.

● ANY pupils and teachers eager to promote "five a day" and "healthy schools" can find out more about setting up a fruit tuck-shop by contacting Sue Pollock on 07760 236 472

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Dreaming of a green Christmas

Designer offers eco friendly fashion and gifts

by Hilary Bryan

GREEN is the new black according to fashion shop owners in Greenwich market.

Sisters Emma and Rachael Nissim sell unique designer clothing from their shop at 10a Greenwich market. But everything on the shelves and rails has been created from sustainable materials in an eco friendly way. Their shop is a treasure trove of green gift ideas created with great care for the environment.

"We sell designer hand craft goods and follow an eco practice, whether in the choice of process or choice of material," explained big sis Rachael.

The store is packed with a range of high end designerwear, casual gear and accessories including wallets, clutch purses and belts made from materials like organic cotton and bamboo, soya, eel and driftwood. They also do a line in bespoke wedding wear including cravat ties and hankiechiefs and corsages.

"When choosing materials such as fabrics, paper and furniture, we always choose the eco-friendly option," Rachael added.

The pair reuse all plastic packaging from shop deliveries - particularly for poo-per-scooping after dog Alfie - as well as recycling all card, paper, tins and glass.

"We make scrap notepads from waste paper and we always try to use FSE certified paper or card for our signs, promotional materials and tags," Rachael enthused.

"We always switch off our electrical equipment instead of leaving them on standby overnight and our shop



CREATIVE TEAM: Rachael, Emma and Alfie in the shop

furniture is mostly antiques bought locally so we're helping to recycle and minimize our carbon footprint.

"We are keen to support our local traders and we contract a lot of work out to locals focusing on buying from English suppliers and artists, even though their fees may be higher," she explained.

The 32-year-old landscape architect previously worked for a local authority designing public spaces that reduced crime and anti social behaviour but she was drawn into helping her younger sister when her eco friendly

fashion design business took off.

Emma, 30, started creating her own cute prints for baby clothes and knitted scarves after studying Textiles Art at Goldsmiths' College.

She opened her own shop Emma Nissim in Greenwich a year ago and found its location close to their home in East Greenwich and her studio in Deptford means they're able to walk to work reducing their carbon footprint even further.

"Our aim is to encourage eco friendly practise in fashion and lifestyle," Emma explained. "We tend to walk in to work with our dog Alfie

and my studio in Deptford is only a ten-minute walk from the shop so it works out ideally for us. We only drive a couple of times a month for deliveries we can't physically carry ourselves, but otherwise we walk or cycle rain or shine."

They're hoping visitors to the shop will be encouraged to buy green this festive season and they'll be arranging late night shopping by appointment up to midnight over the next few weeks.

● **Check out their range of eco friendly goods and produce at the shop or visit www.emmanissim.com**

Borough BRIEFS

Help with school costs

PARENTS with school age children may be able to get help with the costs of sending them to school. Greenwich Council has produced an updated leaflet called Benefits for children at school, setting out what help may be available and who may be able to claim it. The leaflet covers things like getting help to pay for school meals, clothing, school trips, and bus travel. There is also advice about young people

wishing to stay in education or training after their GCSEs. There are details about tax credits, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, as well as information for parents and carers of children with disabilities. The advice leaflet is available at www.greenwich.gov.uk Greenwich ● Contact the Welfare Rights Service for a free benefits check on 020 8317 4872, Monday 2-4 and Thursday 10.30-12.30pm.

HEALTH PANEL

NHS Greenwich wants to hear your views on how the service can be improved. Anyone who lives or works in the borough can join its Health Panel, receive questionnaires and in join focus groups, workshops and meetings. Call Aaron Hamilton on 0208-293 6700 or email: aaron.hamilton@greenwichpct.nhs.uk

New charity's Christmas card designs on sale

CHRISTMAS cards designed by local people of all ages are on sale and raising funds for a new Greenwich charity.

The cards were created for 'Hope for Home' - a new charity supporting carers of local people with dementia and advanced Parkinson's Disease. The winning designs were on sale last month at an afternoon Advent fair at St Michael's Church, Blackheath Park. They're available from Hope for Home on 020-8463 0128 or email home@hopeforhome.org.uk

Charity trustees set the design-challenge in GT back in August. "There were well over 50 entries," said Sarah Burnard, who first came up with the idea for the charity after caring for her mum, Betty, who died aged 92 after two years living with dementia. Sarah, from Blackheath, told us: "Designs came in from five-year-olds upwards - and we had one entry from a child in Paris. We were all bowled over by the number of entries we had - and for the enthusiasm for the competition, especially as we asked people to think up their Christmas designs in August!" Winners each received a £10 gift-voucher.

● About 560,000 people suffer from dementia in England and this is expected to rise to over 750,000 by 2020.

Windows with a view

VISITORS to the Tourist Information Centre were the first to enjoy a special month-long exhibition running for the festive season.

They got a glance of the first window display for the Living Advent Window Calendar. The project involves Greenwich homes, shops, businesses, schools and

community groups who have put up themed window displays for the public to enjoy.

This year's theme is 'Cast away the dreams of darkness'. Each window is prepared by volunteers using a range of media, from multimedia installations to paintings, models and stained glass. The window at the

tourist centre at 46 Church Street was the first to be unveiled with observers getting mulled wine and mince pies. Each day a new window is opened amid different festivities and they all remain on view until January 2. Full details at www.adventwindows.com ventwindows@hotmail or call 020 8853 0687.



SPREADING A MESSAGE: The tourist centre window remains on view until January 2

Last Thursday (December 3) there were exactly 1,000 days to go to the London 2012 Green Specialist Sports College, where three sports - wheelchair football, New Age Kurling and Goalball - were played across the borough. The atmosphere was wonderful as everyone present, including Charlotte - and the budding orator Omo! - got together under the auspices of various

The power of

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the blindfolded delights of Goalball. With parents and carers looking proudly on, it was easy to see once again how the power of sport can bring people of all ages and abilities together.

Nine-year-olds Charlotte and Emily met at Stoke Mandeville in July and are now best friends and like nothing better than these sporting get-togethers.

"They met at the basketball event at Charlton Park a couple of weeks ago," said Emily's dad, Bill Campbell, "and when she got the letter about this event she was so excited."

"They love to be involved and sport brings them all together. Because they're in wheelchairs people think they can't take part in sport but this proves they can and really enjoy it. Emily also loves swimming and in the water she is like everyone else."

Emily, who goes to Mulgrave primary school in Woolwich, said: "I'm looking forward to the wheelchair football most."

Charlton, a pupil at Linton Mead primary school in Thamesmead, told GT: "I like it because you make friends like Emily. I also like music, art and maths - and I can swim."

The day was organised by the Greenwich Schools Sports Partnership and Greenwich Olympic Unit. The award-winning South London Special League helped with the Powerchair Football with a demonstration by top-class players from the Valence club in Westerham.

Goalball, started by an Austrian war veteran in 1945, is a three-a-side sport for visually-impaired/blind players - the competitors here were blindfolded - where the ball has a bell inside so that players can hear it coming.

Coach Paul Archer is promoting the game in the five Paralympic boroughs. Paul said: "It's a blind sport but with the blindfolds everyone's on a level playing field."

The third sport was New Age Kurling, which is waiting for Sport England to put it forward as an Olympic sport. Nick Gibbs, chief coach with the Great Britain Kurling Association, told GT: "The children really enjoyed it today and we're hoping to get it into the Paralympics for 2016."

Greenwich community health physio Victoria Lambert works with children with disabilities in mainstream schools in the borough. She said: "We're holding taster sessions on different sports, including football with the South London Special League at Eltham Green on Monday evenings."

For more information call Victoria on 020-8311 5419.



Omo's ultra-bright ideas

EXTROVERT Crown Woods student Omo Ebhaleme, 14, soon took over the GT interview. "I'm glad you asked me that, I really am" he said after being asked about the importance of sport. "I have to say it's really,

really fun. We have a sports ability club after school on Tuesday and I have to say that last week was an absolute blast. Miss Worrall is SUCH a team player!" Omo conceded he was "kind of good" at football but that he liked

basketball quite a bit. "I'm not a basketball player today, but I can play it."

2012 Paralympic Games, and the occasion was marked in splendid style at Eltham. Curling and Goalball - were enjoyed by disabled children and young people from parents and carers, basked in the glow of inclusion. The likes of Emily and organisations that put the emphasis on 'abilities' and undoubtedly...

of sport

IN IT TOGETHER: best friends Charlotte and Emily get ready for wheelchair football while Omo Ebhaleme (right, middle) joins the New Age Kurlers with instructor Nick Gibbs and (below) Greenwich Mayor Allan MacCarthy has the pleasure of meeting delightful Shea French-Gibbons



football best. He said: "I'm tall and you have to run and pace along, and I'm good at

taking part in all the sports even Kurling! All this sport only be good!"



LINE UP: pupils from Nightingale primary school join the celebrations

Pupils meet Dame Tanni

CHILDREN from Nightingale Primary School joined paralympic athletes, including Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson - one of the UK's most successful paralympians - at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich Park.

The athletes and children modelled t-shirts unveiling LOCOG's (the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games) new Paralympic Pictograms - visual representations of the Paralympic sports that will take place in 2012. The children then joined players and coaches from Charlton Athletic FC to learn the skills visually impaired people use to learn and play football.

Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, said: "It's clearly evident that young people of all ages, some with a range of disabilities, can enjoy their chosen sport in such a positive and enthusiastic manner."

Greenwich will host a number of Paralympic sports in 2012. The Paralympic shooting and archery events will be held at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich. The Paralympic Equestrian events will be held at Greenwich Park and the wheelchair basketball will be held at The O2 Arena on Greenwich Peninsula. In total, Greenwich will host nearly a third of the sports events for London 2012 at these three venues. As a host borough, Greenwich Council will use this unique

opportunity to deliver a number of lasting benefits. Plans are to maximise local employment, plant 2,012 trees, develop play and sports facilities and win Green Flag status for 12 Greenwich parks.

It's not too late for potential competitors to start training. A nationwide talent recruitment drive has also been launched to look for people with an impairment who think they might have what it takes to compete in 2012 with an online registration available.

LOCOG chair Sebastian Coe said: "In 1,000 days' time we will be welcoming the Paralympic Games home and we will deliver a spectacular showcase for Paralympic sport. This is a golden opportunity to raise awareness of Paralympic sport, challenge stereotypes about disability and secure a legacy that will have every disabled child getting greater access to sport.

"As the clock counts down to 2012, there is still time to get involved in the Paralympic Games, and still time to become part of the British team."

Tomorrow (December 8) a 'Song for 2012' will be premiered on the Big Screen Woolwich in General Gordon Square. The song, performed by Montbelle Primary School in Greenwich Park earlier this year, welcomes visitors to Greenwich and celebrates some of the borough's famous attractions including the Cutty Sark, The O2 and the Meridian Line.

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 164

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.
For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 16 December 2009 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 13 December 2009**.

Please note there will be no GreenwichHomes publication on the **23 and 30 December 2009**. The following issue will be on the **6 January 2010**.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-Ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-fartanka waxaa laga helaa:
Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hatı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:
Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電話競投專線:
Cantonese 020 8921 4370

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Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Only priority applicants can apply

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



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L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 71496
Pitfield Crescent SE28
3 Bed House Gdn
Rad C/H
£104.42 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98043
Finchale Road SE2
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£77.13 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98645
Wordsworth House W'lich Comm SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Comm Htg
£81.15 pw. Bands A&B



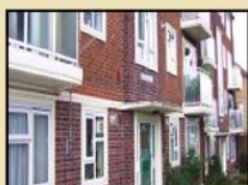
Ref Number: 99018
Middle Park Avenue SE9
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
No Pkg
£77.49 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99043
Fuchsia Street SE2
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Unlifted Rad C/H
£79.35 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99322
Woolwich Church Street SE18
3 Bed Grnd Floor Mais
Rad C/H No Pkg
£86.75 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99731
Southend Crescent SE9
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Entry phone
Rad C/H No Pkg
£78.88 pw Bands A & B



Ref Number: 100480
Goldfinch Road Thamesmead SE28
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Ent phone
Rad C/H 1 alloc pkg
£92.73 pw Bands A&B



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L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 100521
Drake Crescent SE28
4 Bed House Gdn
Rad C/H 1 alloc pkg
£114.53 pw Bands A&B

Please note you will not be able to bid without a reference number.
It is very important that you keep this safe.



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L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 75901
Lewin Ct, Plumstead High Street SE18
2 Bed Gnd Floor Flat
Entry phone C/H
1 alloc pkg No dogs
£89.29 pw Band C



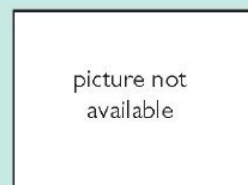
Ref Number: 94849
Walmer Terr SE18
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£79.99 pw Band C



Ref Number: 96862
Mandeville Close Vanbrugh Park SE3
Bedsit Gnd Floor Flat
Gdn Rad C/H No Pkg
£78.41 pw Band C

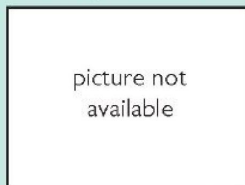


Ref Number: 98628
Burrage Road SE18
1 Bed Basement Flat
Rad C/ Htg No Pkg
£75.51 pw Band C



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Ref Number: 98970
Maxwell House Barnfield Road SE18
3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry Phone
Rad C/H
£88.60 pw Band C



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Ref Number: 99048
Nightingale Vale SE18
3 Bed House Gdn
Rad C/ Htg No Pkg
Min 2 child 1 under 16
£100.37 pw Band C



Ref Number: 99526
Mabbett House Nightingale Pla SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No Pkg
£81.15 pw Band C



Ref Number: 99681
Finchale Road SE2
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
Min 1 child any age
£77.13 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100066
Gavin Hse, Plumstead High Street SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£73.59pw Band C



Ref Number: 100519
Besant Court Titmuss Ave SE28
2 Bed 5th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/ H No dogs
£92.40 pw Band C

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Ref Number: 98869
Poplar Place Manorway SE28
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
Over 40s
£83.98 pw. Band C

Please ensure that you only bid for properties that you are genuinely interested in.

If your bid is successful and you then fail to attend the arranged viewing your priority could be removed or your application suspended.

Only applicants aged 50+ can apply



Ref Number: 99803
Wayfield Link SE9
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/ H No Pkg
£86.00 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100184
Tattersall Close SE9
1 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Comm Htg No Pkg
£87.83 pw Band C

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need.

Our current ready to let vacancies include:

One Person Properties

Ann Stroud Court, 1 bed, Ground floor flat
Beacham Close, Ground floor, Studio Flat, Charlton, SE7.
Bill Walden House, Woolwich, 1st floor flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard, 1st floor Studio flat.
Greenlawns, Woolwich, 2nd floor Studio Flat
Cooper Court, Herbert Road, 2nd floor Studio Flat.
Fred Styles House, Charlton, 3rd floor Studio Flat
Haven Lodge, Woolwich, 1st floor Studio Flat
Hider Court, Kidbrooke, 1 Bed, Ground floor Flat
Len Clifton House, Woolwich, Ground floor Studio flat
40 Littleheath, Charlton, 2nd floor Studio flat
Sarah Turnbull House, Woolwich, 2nd floor Studio flat.
Strand Court, Plumstead, 4th floor Studio Flat
174 Swingate Lane, Plumstead Common, 3rd floor Studio Flat
Wentworth House, Blackheath, 3rd floor Studio Flat.

One-bedroom Two-Person Properties

Sam Manners Greenwich, 2nd floor flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich, Ground floor Flat.
Green Lawns, Woolwich, Ground floor flat.
Hider court, Kidbrooke, 3rd floor flat.

All the above properties are lifted.

If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **020 8921 2804**, all applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment



www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Multiple viewings are arranged for all advertised properties including those from **Registered Social Landlords**. This means that:

- the top three eligible households who successfully bid and are eligible for a property will be invited to view the property.
- each household will receive a letter giving them an appointment to view the property and telling them their position on the bidding list, ie 1st, 2nd, 3rd (this position is based on the applicant's registration date or date of priority).
- following the viewing, the property will be offered to the highest placed applicant who accepts the property.

If you have any queries regarding this you can contact us on **020 8921 2941**.

Over 50s Housing

The Council has some blocks that are only for applicants aged 50 and over (they are usually one bed roomed flats).

If you are interested please bid when you see the adverts.

Bands A&B priority applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks. **Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 161

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Mervyn Court Tormount Road SE18 1QQ	1	FLAT	187	06/04/2006	C
Antelope Road SE18 5QG	2	FLAT	14	03/08/2009	B
Brewhouse Road SE18 5SJ	3	HOUSE	33	24/10/2008	B
Barque Mews SE8 3HG	2	HOUSE	214	30/03/2005	C
Holly Court SE10 0BL	2	FLAT	26	25/07/2008	B
Restons Crescent SE9 2JD	1	FLAT	26	05/03/2008	B
Whetstone Road SE3 8PZ	0	BUNGALOW	68	01/03/2004	C
Bostall Lane SE2 0QU	3	FLAT		No Eligible bids	
Ruddstreet Close SE18 6RR	1	BUNGALOW	195	16/11/2005	C
Hartville Road SE18 1DQ	1	FLAT	20	01/12/2008	B
Malthus Path SE28 8AJ	3	HOUSE	199	30/06/2004	C
Sowerby Close SE9 6HA	1	FLAT	161	09/03/2005	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QS	1	FLAT	175	24/11/2005	C
Panfield Road SE2 9DF	2	HOUSE	289	05/05/1999	C
Heavitree Close SE18 7QR	1	FLAT	107	29/01/2008	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QS	1	FLAT	168	22/03/2006	C
Fuchsia Street SE2 0SZ	2	MAISONETTE	22	10/11/2008	B
Milverton Way SE9 3EY	3	HOUSE	69	27/11/1989	A
Chiswell Square SE3 0JF	0	FLAT	88	26/04/2004	C
Acworth House Barnfield Road SE18 3TW	2	FLAT	131	30/07/2007	C
Dursley Road SE3 8QB	3	HOUSE	59	18/12/2000	A
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	3	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	3	MAISONETTE	171	22/05/2004	C
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	2	FLAT	8	03/07/2009	B
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	2	FLAT	144	26/02/2007	C
Squires House Barnfield Road SE18 3UQ	2	FLAT	113	08/11/2006	C
Gavin House Plumstead High Street SE18 1SP	1	FLAT	212	05/02/2004	C
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	1	FLAT	18	21/08/2009	B
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	1	FLAT	13	07/11/2005	B
Heron Court Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	1	FLAT	145	20/10/2006	C
Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18 3TX	3	FLAT	104	02/05/2007	C
Clendon Way SE18 7DR	3	MAISONETTE	14	29/05/2009	B
Great Harry Drive SE9 3DD	1	FLAT	32	10/04/2006	A
Darland House Bexley Road SE9 2PL	1	FLAT	96	02/05/2008	C
Gilbourne Road SE18 2NU	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Bert Reilly House Bramblebury Road SE18 7TB	1	FLAT	25	02/12/2008	B
Kimber House Barnfield Road SE18 3TU	4	FLAT	60	03/06/2003	C
Edge Hill SE18 3TQ	1	FLAT	156	03/01/2007	C
Elsinore House Maryon Road SE7 8DG	2	FLAT	147	14/03/2005	C
Poplar Place Manorway SE28 8BA	1	FLAT	135	19/09/2006	C
Malthus Path SE28 8AH	4	HOUSE	21	23/07/2001	A
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A Constance inspiration

Successful black woman judge inspires pupils

ONE of the UK's first black women judges congratulated successful pupils as they received their exam certificates at a school prize-giving last month.

Constance Briscoe was the guest speaker at the annual presentation at Plumstead Manor School on November 26.

Ms Briscoe gave an uplifting and inspirational speech reflecting on her own school experience and how she was encouraged by a teacher at her Camberwell secondary school to believe in herself and make the most of her potential.

She also spent time after the formalities talking to students and encouraging them to go on to university and pursue their dreams.

The lawyer who was called to the bar in 1983 became a part-time judge in 1996. Her practice focuses on criminal law and fraud and she also undertakes tribunal work, public public inquiries, inquests and acts as President of Mental Health Tribunals.

Constance Briscoe is also the author of 'Ugly' - a book which tells her story of overcoming a terrible start in life - which reached number one in the UK book charts.

The audience, which included students past and present, friends, families, and staff and governors of the school, also enjoyed music, dance and musical theatre performances during the evening.



SCOOP: Year 8 students Eiman Farid and Emily Simmons interview Constance

Greenwich Mayor Allan MacCarthy, who was on hand to present students with their exam certificates said: "It was wonderful to welcome a woman of Constance's standing to one of our schools. Her amazing strength in overcoming such a tough start in life to

achieve so much was an inspirational message to students that anything is possible if you set your mind to it and work hard. I would like to thank Constance for her visit and congratulate all students who received their exam certificates."

Changes to Income Support for lone parents

LONE parents can no longer claim Income Support solely because they are a lone parent once their youngest child reaches 10.

Changes to the benefit in October mean they will be expected to look for work and claim Jobseeker's Allowance instead. Previously lone parents could continue to get Income Support as a lone parent until their youngest child reached age 12.

Initially the changes only apply to lone parents making new or repeat claims for Income Support from October 26. Existing claimants do not have to do anything now - Jobcentre Plus will contact them to advise them what to do next.

Some lone parents may be able to continue getting Income Support on the grounds that they are a carer or have ill health or disability.

For more information about tax credits and benefits ring Greenwich Council's Public Advice Line on 020 8317 4872 (or 18001 020 8921 4900 for telephone users). The line is open Monday 2-4pm and Thursday 10.30-12.30pm. If you are aged 60 or over or you, or a member of your household is in work, please ring 020 8921 6375.

Bonding with foreign friends

MATURE students from Boston, Massachusetts, enjoyed a warm Woolwich welcome from Rotary Club members.

The local club helped to host part of a six-week exchange programme of 25 to 40-year-olds from the States who were studying everything from graphic design, IT and media studies to traffic management. The Group Study Exchange students gave a presentation to over 70 Rotarians, from the Woolwich and neighbouring clubs.

Their Rotary hosts also acted as mentors taking them to a range of companies and community organisations covering their particular choice of career or study-interest.

Woolwich Rotary president, Keith Tuckley, who is publican at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, told GT: "Last year we hosted students from Bulgaria and in 2007, we received a party from Melbourne, Australia. Similar student groups from London reciprocate with a visit in March of the following year."

Keith added: "This visit formed part of a long standing mature student exchange scheme that Rotary in London promotes. There's a very useful exchange of ideas and policies - addressing a broad range of skills and disciplines - which the students, and those they meet, find particularly stimulating and informative."

"During their stay, the students give 15 or so presentations, outlining and evaluating their experiences, to groups of Rotary Clubs within the London District."

"We're proud to have been the host club to Group Study Exchange students for many years, and we see this as a beneficial contribution to better social, cultural and technological understanding worldwide."

● THE Rotary Club of Woolwich meets on Mondays - at 6.30pm for 7pm - at Charlton Football Club in Floyd Road. Call club secretary, Roger Geeson on 020-8300 3609 or visit www.Woolwichrotary.org.uk

Better health on the MEND

YOUNG people worried about their weight are invited to start the New Year on a free, friendly, healthy-lifestyle course, being organised by NHS Greenwich.

The 10-week sessions for young people aged seven to 13 are being arranged in partnership with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), and the programme is called MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it).

The courses will run at both Arches Leisure Centre in Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, and at Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich High Street.

The Arches course starts on Monday, January 11, and it will be every Monday and Friday from 5pm until 7pm until the end of March.

The Waterfront sessions will start on Monday, January 18, and they'll be every Monday



HAVING A GO: young people enjoy fun exercise as part of the MEND programme

and Thursday until April 1 from 6pm until 8pm. Places are limited, so please book as soon as possible. The overall aim is to help children focus on eating and exercise habits, thereby improving fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

The two new courses follow on

from similar successful programmes this year. Meera Siyani, MEND programme co-ordinator for NHS Greenwich said: "We hope families will take up the chance with this fantastic free course." She added: "We offer a friendly relaxed atmosphere to encourage children to give

new things a go, and show parents how they can be supportive and involve the whole family in living a healthier, more active lifestyle."

Contact Meera on 0208-694 7300 or visit www.mendprogramme.org and click on 'Join a MEND Programme'.

Please note a parent or carer must accompany their child to every session.

● The MEND Programme uses a practical approach to teach children and parents how to make exercise fun. It also aims to inspire families to adopt a healthier lifestyle through enjoying preparing and eating healthy foods as well as reading food labels and doing healthy shopping on a budget. There are also parent-only discussions to help the adults to build self-esteem in their children.

SCENE

Film

A wild old time is in store

- P24



Music

Sniffing out Snoop Dogg new album

- P24



Ray of light

A Christmas spectacular featuring all the festive family favourites comes to The O2. Promoter **Raymond Gubbay** talks to Scene

HE may not be a household name, but Raymond Gubbay has been delighting audiences for over four decades.

The music promoter's lavish productions have graced some of the best-known concert halls worldwide, and this Christmas, Gubbay and his team are upping the stakes with a festive extravaganza at The O2.

The music mogul told *Scene*: "For 40 years I've been promoting concerts, opera and ballet and do about 500 shows a year. Our Christmas festival is very big - 23 shows at the Albert Hall and 150 across the country."

The Christmas spectacular is in touching distance of the big day - December 23, and will be Raymond's first concert at the venue.

"We're going to use it in a conventional theatre layout with the stage at the end, and there are a lot of performers - the whole of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Royal Choral Society, the Metro Voices and various soloists," he said.

Special effects will be the order of the day, along with a lighting rig brash enough to make Oxford Street's illuminations look like a three-year-old's birthday cake.

"Our lighting designer has done Classical Spectacular for 20 years," the sanguine music-man added, "and with the extra space at The O2, he has gone one stage further and it looks very impressive."

Add to that a celebrity compere and some indoor fireworks, and the show is set to go with a real bang.

"Myleene Klass is introducing the whole show, which will put a nice personal stamp on it and make sure everyone feels welcome and involved," Raymond said of the two-hour show that starts at 7.30pm.

"There's going to be a lot going on and a lot for people to see, with pretty well every piece of Christmas music that you'd want to hear. Of course there will be loads of carols



LAST CHRISTMAS: one of the spectacular seasonal shows put on by Raymond Gubbay in 2008. This year Myleene Klass hosts

and the audience will be invited to join in, then popular things like Jingle Bell Rock, right through to family pieces like Tchaikovsky's the Nutcracker Suite."

While 'gobble gobble' is a familiar sound just before Christmas, Gubbay is sure the audience will make all the right noises and the festive romp will be no turkey.

"It's a celebration of Christmas music of all sorts," he said, "and the special thing about being at The O2 is that you have this big audience there joining in and being part of it."

And where would we be without sideburn-supremo Noddy Holder's infamous 'IIIIIT'S CHRISTMAS!' refrain - or at least an impersonator having a good bash.

"We'll be doing 'I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day' with the orchestra and rhythm

section, we've got a singer in to do the modern version - it will come across as something very contemporary and upbeat," the promoter enthused.

Though this is Raymond's first time at the North Greenwich venue, the scale of the place is a positive. He added: "We've played arenas round the world before - it's about making people feel comfortable and involved in the bigger arenas. This is about bringing people into a joyous celebration of Christmas just two days before the big day itself."

*Rod Kitson
Christmas Spectacular at The
O2, December 23 at 7.30pm
Tickets £24-£36
Book on 0844 856 0202 or
www.raymondgubbay.co.uk*

● **GreenwichCard holders** get 20 per cent off the **Michael Jackson** exhibition at The O2. Just show your card before paying to get the discount.

Best of the rest

More events in December

THERE are plenty of local festivities in the run up to and after Christmas. Here are Scene's top picks:

December 10: join Professor Colin Pillinger, one of the UK's best-known space scientists and leader of the **Beagle mission to Mars**, at the Royal Observatory and explore Christmas connections across the solar system in this festive talk. Tickets £19.50/15 conc. www.nmm.ac.uk

December 11: The **gDA Cabaret** is a completely unique dance event at the Borough Halls on Royal Hill. And don't forget to **HAGGLE** for your tickets - punters name their price and number of pals, and then commenceth the haggling match! ellen@greenwichdance.org.uk

Christmas in Eltham takes place on **December 12**. From 10am-1pm Brothers in Swing perform before the Rotary Father Christmas and Sleigh fund-raiser from 1.30-4.30pm. Passey Place, off Eltham High Street.

Also on **December 12** at the Greenwich Heritage Centre in Woolwich, there is a showing of **SE18** - archive film footage of Woolwich in the 1960s with an introduction by the Heritage Centre's Education Officer, Frances Ward. £3 Call 020-8854 2452 to reserve a place.

Mother Goose is at the Greenwich Theatre until January 3 - £14-22 020-8858 7755 www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk and **Aladdin** is at the Bob Hope Theatre, Eltham, December 30 - January 30. Wythfield Road 020-8850 3702 www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk

Theatres: Get listed!

Theatres/groups can add their own events to the Council's online listings by following this link and searching 'Get your event listed' www.greenwich.gov.uk/events

WIN WIN WIN! Family ticket to the Christmas Spectacular

Scene has a family ticket to see this fantastic Christmas bonanza on December 23 at The O2 to give away. To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this multiple-choice question:

What colour was Rudolph the reindeer's nose?

- a) Grey
- b) Turquoise
- c) Red

Send answers on a postcard with your name and contact telephone number marked 'Xmas O2 comp' to Communications, Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW or email competitions@greenwich.gov.uk Competition ends on December 14, family ticket is for two adults, two children.



Highlights of the week



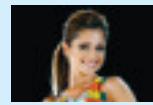
BBC One
Live at the Apollo,
Friday, 11th 9.30pm

Bafta-nominated actor Rob Brydon hosts the comedy show from the Hammersmith Apollo, and welcomes Sarah Millican and Jason Byrne.



BBC Two
Never Mind the Buzzcocks,
Wednesday, 9th 10pm

Frankie Boyle hosts the comedy music quiz with Phill Jupitus and Noel Fielding. The guests are Carol Vorderman, DJ Ironik, Jon McClure and Richard Herring.



ITV1
The X Factor,
Saturday, 12th 7.30pm

The three remaining acts perform in the final, but only two will get through to the very last stage tomorrow and perform the winner's single. Hosted by Dermot O'Leary.

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BBC One	6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 Living Dangerously. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News.	6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 Living Dangerously. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.35 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News.	6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 Living Dangerously. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.35 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News.	6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 Living Dangerously. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.35 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News.
BBC Two	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Open House. 1.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The conclusion of round two.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 See Hear. 11.30 The Pre-Budget Report. 2.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening sessions of the first two quarter-finals. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. Claudia Winkleman assesses how the contestants are shaping up for Saturday. 7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The concluding sessions of the first two quarter-finals. 8.00 Top Gear. With guest Guy Ritchie. 9.00 Horizon. The impact of population growth on the planet. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 Snooker: UK Championship. 12.10 Being Alan Bennett. 1.10 BBC News. 4.15 Close.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Open House. 1.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further quarter-final coverage. 8.00 The Restaurant. The contestants hold cookery masterclasses. 9.00 Natural World. A rescue centre for gibbons in Borneo. 9.50 Wonderland: Alzheimer's: The Musical. A Bristol choir made up of people with Alzheimer's and their spouses. Last in the series. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 Snooker: UK Championship. 12.10 Horizon. 1.10 BBC News. 3.50 Close.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Open House. 1.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the first semi-final. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. With Matthew Pinsent, Roger Black and Sharron Davies. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The concluding session of the first semi-final. 8.00 We Are Family. 9.00 Victorian Farm Christmas. 10.00 Beautiful People. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 Newsnight Review. 11.30 The IT Crowd. UK Championship. 12.25 Medium. 1.50 FILM: The Whisperers (1967) British drama, starring Edith Evans. 3.35 Close.
ITV1	6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Grimefighters. 8.00 Coastline Cops.	6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. Doug flies off the handle with Ashley and Sally. 7.30 UEFA Champions League Live. Olympiakos v Arsenal (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 London News. 10.35 UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. 12.00 Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Action Stations. 12.55 Loose Women. 1.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 2.35 So You Think You're Insured?: Tonight. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.	6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. Aaron tries to kiss Adam. 7.30 River Monsters.	6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Christmas for a Pound: Tonight.
Channel 4	6.05 Sali Mali. 6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Proud Parents. 12.45 Wife Swap USA. 1.40 FILM: Carry On Behind (1975) British comedy, starring Kenneth Williams. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal.	5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Small Railway Journeys. 12.50 Wife Swap USA. 1.45 FILM: Paths of Glory (1957) World War One drama, starring Kirk Douglas. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show.	6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 3 Minute Wonder. 8.00 Kirstie's Homemade Christmas. 9.00 The Family. Arvinder tries to get rid of a rat. 10.00 True Blood. 11.10 Cast Offs. 12.30 360 Sessions. 12.45 4Play: The Temper Trap. 12.55 This Week's 4Music Top 20. 2.55 The Paul O'Grady Show. 4.10 The Invasion. 4.25 St Elsewhere.	6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 11.50 FILM: William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet (1996) Romantic drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. 2.05 FILM: The Final Curtain (2002). 4.20 The Paul O'Grady Show. 4.30 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks.
Five	6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 10.45 Trisha Goddard. 11.45 Medical Investigation. 12.35 Five News. 12.50 Nice House, Shame About the Garden: Revisited. 1.15 Cooking the Books. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 I Own Britain's Best Home: Flying Visits. 3.05 FILM: Time to Say Goodbye? (1997) Drama, starring Eva Marie Saint. 5.00 Five News.	5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 Monkey Life. 8.00 Sea Patrol UK. 9.00 CSI: Miami. 10.00 CSI: NY. 11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.00 The FBI Files. 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.00 UEFA Europa League Football. 4.40 Boxing Classic. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.	5.00 Five News. 5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 Highland Emergency. 8.00 Britain's Best Brain. 9.00 FILM: Erin Brockovich (2000) Fact-based drama, starring Julia Roberts. 11.40 The Sexy Ads Show. 12.10 Poker. 1.35 SuperCasino. 3.00 UEFA Europa League Football. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.	5.00 Five News. 5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 Building the Ultimate. The evolution of the passenger jet. 8.00 Casino: The True Story. 9.00 FILM: Striking Distance (1993) Police thriller, starring Bruce Willis. 11.05 CCTVies. 12.05 SuperCasino. 4.00 NFL Replay. 4.45 HomeBusters. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.

GOOD DAY?

When you're living with cancer the good days really matter. The day you get something sorted out, or you find the answers to your questions. The day you have a chance to talk about what's on your mind. And feel better for it. At Macmillan we're here to help you have more of the good days. So whether you have specific questions, or you just need a chat, our cancer support specialists are ready to take your call.

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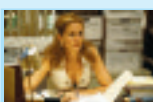
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CANCER SUPPORT

**Channel 4**
Russell Brand: Skinned,
Tuesday, 8th 10pm

Documentary following the comedian backstage on his stand-up tour Scandalous. Plus, Frank Skinner interviews Russell about his rise to fame and the 'Sachsgate' scandal.

**Five**
Gadget Show: Gadget of the Decade,
Monday, 14th 8pm

The presenters and celebrity guests Robson Green, Ian Wright and Danny Wallace examine devices from the past decade.

**Film of the Week**
Erin Brockovich,
Wednesday, 9th 9pm

A mother accepts a job at a law firm and takes on a company suspected of poisoning a town. Fact-based drama, starring Julia Roberts and Albert Finney.

Digital & Cable

Tuesday

We Need Answers,
BBC4, 10pm

TV presenter Vanessa Feltz and The Inbetweeners star Simon Bird join Tim Key, Mark Watson and Alex Horne for the comedy quiz programme with a difference. The twist in the quiz is that audience members provide the questions via a text messaging service.



Wednesday

There's Something About Mary,
E4, 9pm

A lovelorn man has never got over his high-school sweetheart Mary since their one disastrous date, so hires a sleazy private eye to track her down. However, the detective also falls for the woman in question. Comedy from the Farrelly brothers, starring Cameron Diaz.



Thursday

Bones,
Sky1, 9pm

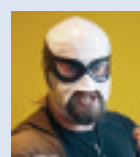
When a competitive gamer is murdered, Booth and Brennan discover that his prowess generated lots of enemies as well as admirers. Elsewhere, Fisher bonds with Hodgins and Sweets. Crime drama, starring Emily Deschanel, David Boreanaz, Michaela Conlin and Eric Millegan.



Friday

Justin Lee Collins: The Wrestler,
Sky1, 9pm

The comedian tries his hand at a variety of unusual jobs, starting with professional Mexican wrestling. With just a few weeks to get into shape and develop a persona, he embarks on an intensive training scheme in Mexico City before returning to London for a Lucha Libre show.



Saturday

The Xtra Factor,
ITV2, 9.30pm

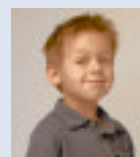
Holly Willoughby goes behind the scenes of The X Factor final, with news and backstage gossip from presenter Dermot O'Leary and judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Cole, Dannii Minogue and Louis Walsh. Dermot O'Leary announces the results tomorrow from 7.30pm on ITV1.



Sunday

One Tree Hill,
E4, 7pm

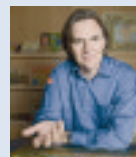
Lucas and Jamie bond while working on a car together and Brooke and Haley throw Peyton a baby shower. Meanwhile, Skills and Lauren's date does not go to plan and Sam grows closer to Victoria. Drama, starring Chad Michael Murray, James Lafferty and Hilary Burton.



Monday

Games Britannia,
BBC4, 9pm

Benjamin Woolley traces the political and social impact that board games have had in Britain over the past 200 years, discovering how they were exported to the US and adapted to promote the American Dream. Monopoly celebrated wealth in the wake of the Great Depression.



Saturday, 12th December

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen.
11.30 Nigelella's Christmas Kitchen.
12.00 BBC News and Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The second semi-final.
4.20 Final Score.
5.10 BBC News and Weather.
5.30 Hole in the Wall.
6.00 Merlin.
6.45 Strictly Come Dancing.
8.00 The National Lottery Draws.

8.10 Casualty. Jordan seizes his chance to treat patients.
9.00 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. Sketches include Eamonn Holmes causing havoc at the Chelsea Flower Show.
9.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Lily Allen performs, and two couples compete in the dance-off.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day.
11.50 The Football League Show.
1.05 Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.
2.10 BBC News.

Sunday, 13th December

6.00 Breakfast.
7.30 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Fern Britton Meets Tony Blair.
11.00 Country Tracks.
12.00 The Politics Show.
1.00 Cash in the Attic.
2.00 'Allo 'Allo!
2.25 EastEnders.
4.20 Lifetime.
4.30 Points of View.
4.50 Songs of Praise.
5.30 Life. How plants adapt to their environment.
6.30 BBC News and Weather.

7.00 Sports Personality of the Year. A review of the year's sporting highlights from the Sheffield Arena.
9.00 Small Island. Conclusion. Holmes becomes disillusioned with London.
10.30 BBC News and Weather.
10.55 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Liverpool v Arsenal.
11.40 **5** FILM: Black Jack: Sweet Science (2004) Detective drama, starring Colin Firths.
1.15 Holly City. **2.15** Miranda.
2.45 What Is Beauty? **3.45** BBC News.

Monday, 14th December

6.00 Breakfast.
9.15 Animal 24/7.
10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
11.00 Living Dangerously.
11.45 Cash in the Attic.
12.15 Bargain Hunt.
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.30 Regional News.
1.45 Doctors.
2.15 Murder, She Wrote.
3.00 BBC News.
3.05 CBeebies.
3.35 CBBC.
5.15 Weakest Link.
6.00 BBC News.

6.30 Regional News.
7.00 The One Show.
7.30 Inside Out England.
8.00 EastEnders.
8.30 Panorama.
9.00 Life.
10.00 BBC News.
10.25 Regional News.
10.35 The Graham Norton Show.
11.25 Inside Sport: Kieren Fallon: The Road to Redemption.
11.55 **5** FILM: Black Jack: Ace Point Game (2005) **1.30** The Art on Your Wall with Sue Perkins.
2.30 Beautiful People. **3.00** Horizon. **4.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies.
7.00 CBBC.
12.25 The Season.
12.55 Greek.
1.40 Revealed.
2.00 The Sky at Night.
2.20 Animal Park.
2.50 **5** FILM: I Know Where I'm Going (1945) Romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey.
4.20 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The second semi-final.
5.30 Coast.

6.30 Dad's Army.
7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The second semi-final.
9.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With James May and Reginald D Hunter.
10.10 The Thick of It.
10.40 Pulling Special.
12.15 **5** FILM: 1945 Romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey.
12.25 Snooker: UK Championship.
1.15 **5** FILM: Days of Wine and Roses (1962) Satirical drama, starring Jack Lemmon.
3.10 Close.

6.00 CBeebies.
7.00 CBBC.
10.00 Something for the Weekend.
11.30 Escape to the Country.
12.30 Sports Personality of the Year: The Contenders.
1.05 Live Athletics. The senior women's race at the European Cross-Country Championships.
2.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the final.
5.30 Ski Sunday.
6.00 100 Years of the Girl Guides.

7.00 Delia's Classic Christmas. Delia Smith revisits some of her most memorable festive recipes.
8.00 Victorian Farm Christmas.
9.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The concluding session of the final.
11.00 Never Mind the Cross-Cocks.
11.30 Argumental.
12.00 **5** FILM: The Blue Tower (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Paul Chowdhry.
1.25 BBC News.
3.45 Close.

6.00 CBeebies.
7.00 CBBC.
8.30 CBeebies.
11.10 The Flintstones.
12.00 Daily Politics.
12.30 Working Lunch.
1.00 All Saints.
1.45 Open House.
2.15 Animal Park.
3.00 Diagnosis Murder.
3.45 Flog It!
4.30 Ready Steady Cook.
5.15 Escape to the Country.
6.00 Celebrity Eggheads.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two.

7.00 Coal House at War. The families prepare to return to their modern-day lives. Last in the series.
7.30 An Island Parish.
8.00 University Challenge.
8.30 Miranda.
9.00 School of Saatchi. A winner is selected from the six artists. Last in the series.
10.00 I!
10.30 Newsnight.
11.20 Have I Got News for You.
11.50 Delying Gravity.
12.35 BBC News.
4.00 Close.

6.00 GMTV.
9.25 CITV.
10.45 **5** FILM: The Little Polar Bear (2002) Animated adventure, with the voice of Wesley Singerman.
12.10 News; Weather.
12.15 **5** FILM: Black Beauty (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean.
1.55 **5** FILM: Curly Sue (1991) Comedy, with James Belushi.
3.55 **5** FILM: Scooby-Doo (2002) Live-action comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar.

5.30 London Tonight.
5.45 ITV News; Weather.
6.00 Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp.
6.30 Cheryl Cole's Night In.
7.30 The X Factor.
9.30 The British Comedy Awards 2009.
11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 **5** FILM: Ali G Indahouse (2002).
12.55 **5** FILM: Lies My Mother Told Me (2005).
2.35 Crossing Jordan.
3.20 ITV Nightscreen.
5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.00 GMTV.
9.25 CITV.
10.55 Coronation Street.
1.10 News; Weather.
1.15 Animals Do the Funniest Things.
2.15 **5** FILM: Columbo: Rest in Peace. Mrs Columbo (1990) Drama, starring Peter Falk.
4.15 Midsomer Murders.
6.15 London Tonight.
6.30 ITV News; Weather.
6.45 All Star Family Fortunes.
7.30 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary announces the winner. Last in the series.

9.30 I Dreamed a Dream: The Susan Boyle Story.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 Wayne McGregor – Across the Threshold: The South Bank Show. A year in the life of the award-winning choreographer.
11.45 **5** FILM: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) Fact-based drama, starring Sigourney Weaver.
1.55 Champions League Weekly.
2.20 Traffic.
3.55 Christmas for a Pound: Tonight.
4.30 ITV Nightscreen.
5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.00 GMTV.
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
10.30 This Morning.
12.30 Loose Women.
1.30 ITV News; Weather.
1.55 London News.
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal.
3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show.
4.00 Midsomer Murders.
5.00 Golden Balls.
6.00 London Tonight.
6.30 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Emmerdale. Charity gives Cain's money away.
7.30 Coronation Street.

8.00 Countrywise.
8.30 Coronation Street.
9.00 Out of My Depth. Amanda Holden learns to be a student midwife.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.30 London News.
10.35 **5** FILM: Taking Lives (2004) Premiere. Thriller, starring Angelina Jolie.
12.30 QuinCY ME.
1.25 Loose Women.
2.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
3.05 ITV Nightscreen.
5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.05 Sali Mali. **6.10** Planet Cook.
6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. **7.00** World Sport. **7.30** Freesports on 4. **8.00** The Morning Line.
8.55 Friends. **10.00** 90210.
11.00 Friends. **11.35** The Hollyoaks Music Show.
12.05 Avatar Film Special.
12.40 Scrubs.
1.45 Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham and Doncaster.
4.00 Cheryl Cole: T4 Special.
4.15 My First Year.
5.20 **5** FILM: Jingle All the Way (1994).
7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.
8.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.
9.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.
9.30 **5** FILM: The Shawshank Redemption (1994) Prison drama, starring Tim Robbins.
12.15 Live from Abbey Road.
1.20 **5** FILM: Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (2003).
3.10 Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip. **3.55** Switched. **4.20** St Elsewhere. **5.10** One Tree Hill.
5.55 The Treacle People.

6.05 Sali Mali. **6.10** Planet Cook. **6.30** Yo Gabba Gabba. **7.00** Beach Volleyball. **7.55** The Great Swim Series. **8.50** Friends. **9.25** Hollyoaks. **11.55** 90210.
12.50 St Trinian's 2: T4 Premiere Special.
1.25 Ugly Betty.
2.20 JLS Christmas Crackers.
3.25 The Simpsons.
4.25 Deal or No Deal.
5.15 Channel 4 News.
5.45 **5** FILM: Elf (2003) Comedy, starring Will Ferrell.
7.30 The Worst Christmas Jobs in History.

8.30 Come Dine with Me. Four cooks host dinner parties in Leeds. Last in the series.
9.30 **5** FILM: Epic Movie (2007) Premiere. Spoof fantasy blockbuster, starring Kat Penn.
11.10 **5** FILM: Cellular (2004) Thriller, starring Kim Basinger.
1.00 **5** FILM: Lolita (1997) Drama, starring Jeremy Irons.
3.25 Journey Through the Night. **3.55** Deadliest Catch.
5.00 The Paul O'Grady Pantomime Special.

6.00 The Treacle People. **6.10** Planet Cook. **6.30** Yo Gabba Gabba. **7.00** Freshly Squeezed.
7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.
8.00 Frasier. **8.30** Will & Grace.
9.00 The Hollyoaks Music Show.
9.30 Friends. **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. **11.00** Ugly Betty. **12.00** News at Noon. **12.30** 3 Minute Wonder. **12.35** Wife Swap USA.
1.30 **5** FILM: The Black Shield of Falworth (1954).
3.25 Countdown.
4.10 Deal or No Deal.
5.00 The Paul O'Grady Pantomime Special.

6.00 The Simpsons.
6.30 Hollyoaks.
7.00 Channel 4 News.
7.55 3 Minute Wonder.
8.00 Christmas at River Cottage.
9.00 Man on Earth.
10.00 Ugly Betty.
10.55 Gordon Ramsay's F Word.
12.00 4Music Favourites: Jamie T. **12.35** 4Play: Newton Faulkner. **12.50** King of the Hill. **1.40** European Poker Tour. **2.35** **5** FILM: Never Love a Stranger (1958) **4.10** Switched. **4.35** St Elsewhere. **5.25** One Tree Hill.

6.00 Sunrise.
7.00 Milkshake!
10.00 NFL UK.
11.00 The Gadget Show Christmas Special.
12.00 Britain's Best Brain.
1.00 Zoo Days.
1.10 **5** FILM: Murder Most Foul (1964) Agatha Christie whodunit, with Margaret Rutherford.
3.00 The Shootist.
4.50 Rough Guide to Adventures.
5.00 Hansa's Helpline.
5.05 **5** FILM: The Omega Man (1971) Post-apocalyptic sci-fi drama, with Charlton Heston.

7.05 Five News.
7.10 NCIS.
8.05 CSI: NY.
9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
10.55 CSI: NY.
11.50 Women Who Kill.
12.15 SuperCasino.
4.00 House Doctor.
4.50 Rough Guide to Adventures.
5.00 Hansa's Helpline.
5.10 The Milkshake! Show.
5.35 Thomas & Friends.
5.45 Roary the Racing Car.

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7.00 Milkshake!
10.00 NFL UK.
12.15 Zoo Days.
12.35 **5** FILM: Three Wise Guys (2005) Premiere. Comedy, starring Eddie McClintock.
2.20 **5** FILM: Blizzard (2003) Family drama, starring Brenda Blethyn.
4.20 **5** FILM: Grounded (2006) Premiere. Family comedy, starring Lewis Black.
6.05 Highland Emergency. A severely ill woman is transported to Glasgow.

6.30 Five News.
6.35 **5** FILM: Raid on Entebbe (1977) Fact-based drama, starring Peter Fink.
9.30 **5** FILM: Constantine (2005) Supernatural thriller, starring Keanu Reeves.
11.50 CCTV Cities. Police efforts to combat crime in King's Lynn.
12.55 NFL Live. A top game.
3.55 **5** FILM: Crazy for Christmas (2005) Premiere. Family drama, with Andrea Roth.
5.30 Five News.
6.00 Home and Away.

6.00 Sunrise.
7.00 Milkshake!
9.15 The Wright Stuff.
10.45 Trisha Goddard.
11.45 Medical Investigation.
12.35 Five News.
12.50 Medical Investigation.
1.45 Home and Away.
2.20 Sea Patrol UK.
3.20 Own Britain's Best Home: Flying Visits.
3.35 **5** FILM: Crazy for Christmas (2005) Premiere. Family drama, with Andrea Roth.
5.30 Five News.
6.00 Home and Away.

6.25 Live from Studio Five.
7.30 How Do They Do It?
8.30 Gadget Show: Gadget of the Decade.
9.00 **5** FILM: Bad Santa (2004) Black comedy, starring Billy Bob Thornton.
11.05 **5** FILM: Beersfest (2006) Comedy, starring Erik Stolhanke and Paul Soter.
1.15 SuperCasino.
3.00 V8 Supercars.
3.55 Race and Rally UK.
4.45 Motorsport Mundial.
5.10 Great Scientists.
5.35 Home and Away.

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A Dogg's life

Rapper **Snoop Dogg** is back with the release of his tenth album, **Malice N Wonderland**. Is there life in the old(er)Dogg?



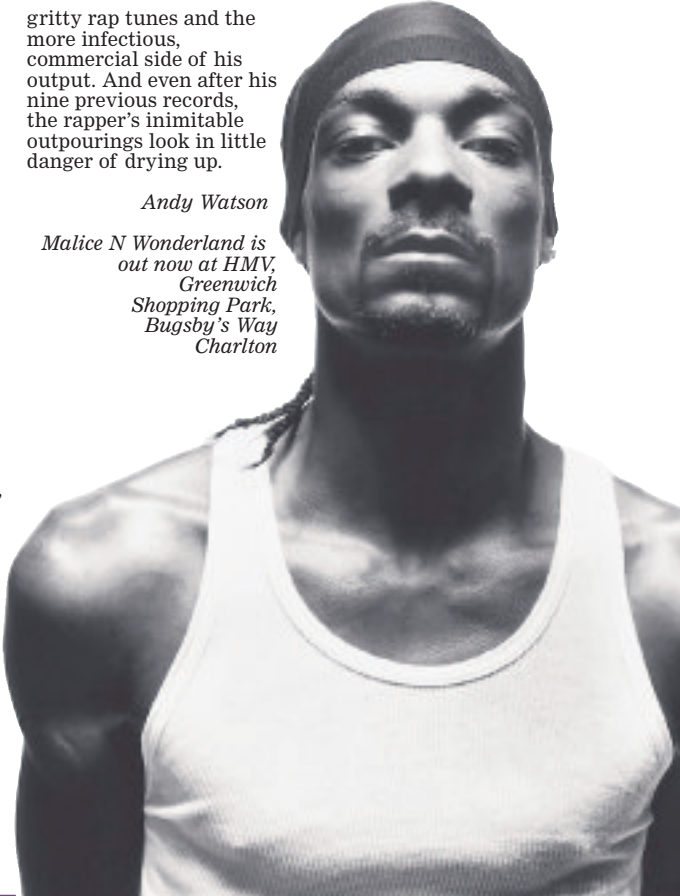
MULTI-PLATINUM superstar, **Snoop Dogg** releases his tenth studio album *Malice N Wonderland* this month. The album marks the first release on the newly re-launched Priority Records and symbolises a homecoming for Snoop. Snoop Doggy Dogg – to give him his full, if slightly dated title – ensured his place in rap history by providing the perfect vocal complement to Dr Dre's mellow, ominous, West Coast G-funk sound. His distinctively lazy singsong and soft-spoken drawl was first heard on Dre's title cut from the Deep Cover soundtrack in 1991. Snoop's appearance on Dre's solo album, *The Chronic* – after solo offerings Doggystyle and *The Doggfather* both hit the top of the charts – propelled him to a new level of fame. Snoop is one of the finest rappers of his generation and a huge influence on the entire hip-hop genre. With artists queuing up to work with him, it's no surprise that *Malice N*

Wonderland features cameos from the likes of Brandy and Pharrell on single *Special*, The-Dream on *Gangsta Luv*, Soulja Boy on *Pronto* and a resurgent R.Kelly on *Pimpin' Ain't EZ*. The entire 12-song opus encompasses its title, with half being the 'Malice' part – gritty, dark, gangsta lyrics and content, while the other half is 'Wonderland,' showcasing Snoop's fun-loving and lighthearted side. Producers who collaborated on *Malice N Wonderland* include hitmakers Pharrell, Lil Jon and Teddy Riley. The premiere single, *Gangsta Luv*, is a melodic, catchy and feel-good record – reflected in the video, which is hued with vibrancy and entertainment, with a soporific Snoop in the backseat of a Cadillac driving through copious different, unexpected and hilarious scenarios. With one of the most distinctive vocal styles in the world, the seasoned rapper continues to push himself and produce great music on this record, and straddles the fine balance between

gritty rap tunes and the more infectious, commercial side of his output. And even after his nine previous records, the rapper's inimitable outpourings look in little danger of drying up.

Andy Watson

Malice N Wonderland is out now at HMV, Greenwich Shopping Park, Bugsby's Way Charlton



It's lunch time

Whimsy that's far too flimsy...

MY other half is probably the best woman in the world, so when I look over as we're driving and see a face like thunder, it comes as a bit of a shock to the system...until I realise she hasn't eaten.

Her subsequent comment that she'll "bite my leg off" if she doesn't eat soon, serves to emphasise the point. I tell you this because it would have been a big mistake to show her **Mid-August Lunch** at the end of July. She – or more to the point, I – would never survive the experience, or at the very least have to spend the rest of my days on one leg. As it is, Gianni Di Gregorio's debut – "best film" at the 2008 London and Venice film festivals – is surprisingly disappointing. The idea came to Di Gregorio – writer,



A MERE MORSEL: MAL lacks spice and flavour

actor, director – after years of looking after his own aged mother. In this one he's landed with four octogenarians for the weekend, partly to help pay off his debts to his philandering landlord. The trouble with whimsy is it can be flimsy, and ultimately leads to laziness, lulling the whimsical into the false impression that merely turning the camera on any situation is enough to create a film – and one that wins awards at that. Well, not in this front room it doesn't. This room needs more than that. It needs a spark, it needs the charm to overwhelm. And it needs a good dialogue too. *Mid-August Lunch* (an award-winning title, granted) inevitably has its moments, like when Marina with "stable angina" goes walkabout to "drink and smoke" and meet people late at night. But such fripperies are not enough. Personally, it reminds me of fly-on-the-wall documentaries that – lazily and arrogantly – have no questioning voice-overs, or Raymond Chandler films that – criminally – have no narration from the great man's own words.

If you're looking for a foreign film where whimsy works, there are loads of 'em. Try the glorious 'La Gloire De Mon Pere' for starters. No cutting corners here and, significantly, it runs for 150 minutes compared to *Mid-August Lunch's* too short 75. One reviewer said this one's a film that's impossible not to savour. He's out to lunch.

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Where The Wild Things Are

THIS is an adaptation of the 1963 bestseller by Maurice Sendak and only the third film by Spike Jonze, director of the critically acclaimed, *Being John Malkovich*. On the surface, it may appear to be a kid's film, but it would be more accurate to describe this as a film featuring children – and monsters.

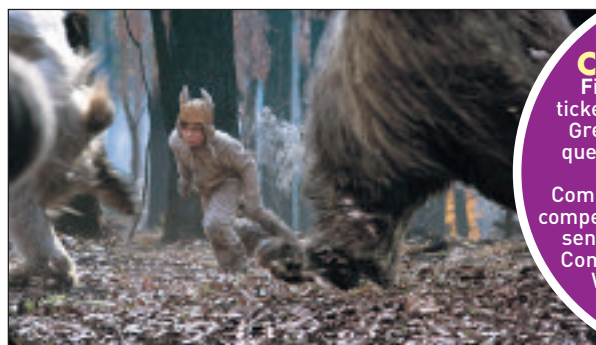
Where The Wild Things Are is a highly entertaining outing, and the youngsters will enjoy the spectacle but there is a thoughtful, adult feeling lurking behind the scenes and the film deals with issues of childhood that may yet remain to be resolved. As a film, it is technically brilliant with fascinating monsters that may frighten younger children a little. The film is also enjoyable on an adult level as the realisation of a dream from childhood using advanced cinematography and animatronics from the Jim Henson Company. It is slick, interesting and the kids will love it – especially if they have read the book first. Of the many children's

films released this year, *WTWTA* is the one taking children's ideas a bit more seriously.

Martin McHugh

Where The Wild Things Are opens at The Odeon Greenwich on December 11
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The Odeon Greenwich is holding a special *Where The Wild Things Are* children's studio on Saturday morning December 12, with free face painting and a mystery guest.



REALLY WILD SHOW: the dream sequences of *WTWTA* will delight kids and adults alike

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Final Scene has 3 pairs of tickets to *WTWTA* at the Odeon Greenwich. Just answer this question: What year was author Maurice Sendak born? Comp ends December 14. Email competitions@greenwich.gov.uk or send a postcard marked 'Wild Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW

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JOB OPPS >>>



TAILORED TRAINING: participants look forward to new job opportunities after completing the two week course at the Underground's Stratford skills centre

On track to a new job

Pilot Underground training scheme offers hope to jobless

A total of 11 Greenwich hopefuls have successfully gone through a tailored training programme to be able to work effectively and safely on the Underground track network.

It was a two-week pilot scheme set up jointly between the Tube Lines company and Greenwich Council to help jobless people learn new skills.

Everyone who took part has successfully passed the necessary permits and health and safety standards. All the participants were engineers, bricklayers and construction workers who had had difficulty getting work due to the recession.

Steve Norris, training and development manager at Tube Lines, said: "It's clear to us that these are very talented people and all have a real hunger for track work. Hopefully, the training they have received these past few weeks will put them in a better

position to land future job opportunities, on the Underground."

Trainees were recruited through GLLaB, the borough's local labour and business scheme.

They have now been given the chance to meet some of Tube Lines' contractors, including representatives from Fasttrack, Trackwork Resources and Cleshars, to discuss future employment opportunities.

Councillor Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for economy and skills, said: "In these challenging economic times, it is vital that the employment and training schemes on offer are as relevant as possible to the current jobs market. Greenwich has a strong track record of working with major employers to offer support that is geared to areas where there are skills shortages, and which can equip participants to apply for vacancies."

She added: "We are pleased to be working with Tube Lines to offer fresh

opportunities for local residents to gain relevant skills."

The training was undertaken at Tube Lines' state-of-the-art skills training centre in Stratford, East London, which opened four years ago.

It has five sections of track, each fitted with signalling equipment, as well as a purpose built simulator signal control room.

Both Greenwich Council and Tube Lines will be evaluating the success of the pilot - with a view to offering more training programmes to unemployed residents in the near future.

● **FIND out what training and job opportunities are currently on offer from GLLaB by ringing 020-8312 7960 or visiting www.greenwich.gov.uk/gllab**

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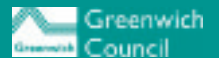
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GREEN'S END, WOOLWICH

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to temporarily:

- (a) prohibit all vehicles from entering Green's End at its junction with General Gordon Place, and
- (b) prohibit buses, taxis and pedal cycles (all other vehicles are already prohibited) from entering Green's End at its junction with Thomas Street,
- (c) prohibit the left turn by vehicles from General Gordon Place into Woolwich New Road.

2. Alternative routes will be available as follows:

- (a) for the vehicles affected by the prohibition specified in paragraph 1(a) above, via General Gordon Place, then southwards on Woolwich New Road (the existing "no entry" from Green's End into General Gordon Place would be suspended);
- (b) for the buses, taxis and pedal cycles affected by the prohibition specified in paragraph 1(b) above, via Thomas Street, then north-eastwards on Woolwich New Road (the existing one-way systems in these roads will no longer apply).

3. The Order is necessary to enable carriageway and footway works to be carried out and it will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.

4. The Order will come into force on 12th December 2009 and will continue for a maximum period of 18 months, or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
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Date: 09/12/2009

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Applicant: Mr N Farren 09/2275/F
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Development: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a new garage plus paving to the rear garden area. (Resubmission).

Drawing Numbers: PPA/BC/01A, PPA/BC/02 and Site Location Plan.

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Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE

Applicant: Greenwich Council 09/2421/F
BLACKHEATH BLUECOATS SCHOOL, OLD DOVER ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8ST

Development: Erection of a single storey link extension.

Drawing Numbers: 613/08B/100, 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 205, 300, Design and Access Statement and Supplementary Planning Statement.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7OT

Conservation Area: adjacent to Rectory Field

Applicant: Miss P Sandhu 09/2456/F
TORNADO, 223 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8NB

Development: Change of use of basement and ground floor levels from A1 (Handresses) to D1 (General Practice).

Drawing Numbers: 2570701-1, 02-1, Design & Access Statement and site plan.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: Mr Sadhu Biring 09/2546/F
8 KINGS ORCHARD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5TJ

Development: Construction of front boundary wall with pillars and landscaping of front garden.

Drawing Numbers: DPP/SD/04/WT/01, Sheet 1 (photographs), Site location plan and Design & Access Statement.

Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA

Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Greenwich Council 09/2450/L
BEACHCOMBER & FONEHOUSE, 34-36 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BL

Development: Formation of 2 openings at ground floor level between the party wall of 34 & 36 Greenwich Church Street.

Drawing Numbers: P01, P02, P03, Design & Access Statement and site plan.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Listed Building: Grade 2

Publicity For Press Advertisements

Applicant: Greenwich Council 09/2422/A
BLACKHEATH BLUECOATS SCHOOL, OLD DOVER ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8ST

Development: Installation of one internally illuminated entrance sign.

Drawing Numbers: 613/08B/100, 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 205, 300, Design and Access Statement and Supplementary Planning Statement.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7OT

Conservation Area: adjacent to Rectory Field



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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

The Greenwich (Prohibition of Stopping Outside Schools) (Amendment No. 17) Order 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 7th December 2009 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1964, as amended. The Order will come into operation on 10th December 2009.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to:

- update existing Orders to better reflect the existing "no stopping on school entrance markings" traffic signs in the borough which apply between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Mondays to Fridays throughout the year; and
- correct minor discrepancies between existing Orders and on-street "school keep clear" road markings in Bourgoine Road, Brewery Road, Frances Street, Haine Road, Hargood Road, Middle Park Avenue, Nitdale Road and Old Mill Road.

3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5587.

4. The Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.

5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1964, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation

Crown Building

48 Woolwich New Road

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Dated 7th December 2009

(INTERNAL REF: 1072009)



Greenwich Council

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 22) Order 2009
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 16) Order 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 7th December 2009 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1964, as amended. The Orders will come into operation on 10th December 2009.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to:

- introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions at the junction of **Courtlands Avenue** and **Fairby Road**;
- extend the existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions on the north-east side of **Mottingham Road** for a further 18 metres north-west from its junction with Leydown Road (for a total length of 20 metres north-west of that junction);
- formalise the existing double yellow line "at any time" waiting restriction markings on **Weigall Road** which extend for approximately 28 metres east of the entrance to the David Lloyd leisure centre; and
- create disabled persons' parking places of 6 metres in length in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit at the following locations:
 - outside No. 13 **Legatt Road**; and
 - outside No. 270 **Westhorpe Avenue** (on the footway).

3. The Council has deferred a decision on the proposals to introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions on the south-east side of Kingsground (opposite Queenscraft Road) and at the junction of Weigall Road and Lyne Farm Road while it considers representations to those proposals.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5580.

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Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at: Greenwich Park, the Old Royal Naval College, the National Maritime Museum and Blackheath Circus Field. Address: Greenwich Park Blackheath Avenue SE10 8QY.

I give notice that The London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Ltd (LOCOG) is applying to the London Borough of Greenwich for full planning permission for:

"Temporary use of Greenwich Park, land at the National Maritime Museum, the Old Royal Naval College and Blackheath Circus Field for the hosting of the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events (including a Test Event in 2011) for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. The temporary structures include a 23,000 seat arena, training areas, stabling, a cross country course, operational and site set up and removal compounds, vehicular and pedestrian access areas, operational parking and ancillary structures"

And a listed building consent application for:

"Temporary use of Greenwich Park, land at the National Maritime Museum, the Old Royal Naval College and Blackheath Circus Field for the hosting of the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events (including a Test Event in 2011) for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games including the erection of temporary structures within the curtilage of the listed buildings, temporary ramps across the colonnade and the temporary removal of gates at the Park Vista entrance to allow for vehicular access"

Any owner^a of the land or tenant^b who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the London Borough of Greenwich Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Floor Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ, within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

^a owner means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years, or, in the case of development consisting of the winning or working of minerals, a person entitled to an interest in a mineral in the land (other than oil, gas, coal, gold or silver).

^b tenant means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

Duncan Parr - Savills L&P Ltd on behalf of LOCOG

Dated 8th December 2009

Statement of owner's rights

The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or in a lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights

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SPORT

Elliot saves the day

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Elliot had marked his return to first-team action on the Tuesday by posting the team's first clean sheet in six league games; he added another at Southend's expense, a shut-out based mainly on the outstanding save he made from United's top scorer Lee Barnard when an opening goal for the Shrimpers seemed mere formality.

The home side were spreadeagled as speedy wide man Francis Laurent outmanoeuvred Grant Basey on the right touchline and left the full back in his wake in a race for the byline. Cutting in dangerously, the flying winger carefully laid the ball back to Barnard, who did the hard bit by neatly eluding Sam Sodje's desperately sliding tackle.

With the whole goal at his mercy, scoring from 10 yards seemed the easy part until Elliot brilliantly narrowed the angle and blocked the striker's unencumbered shot with an instinctive foot. As turning points turn, they don't turn any more decisively than this one. Burton wasted little time in punishing their visitors' profligacy with a masterclass in finishing.

In front of Elliot, meanwhile, 36-year-old sweat Dailly was superb in organising Charlton's resistance to Southend's search for an equaliser. As fit as a flea despite the advancing years, the



WHAT SAVE: Addicks keeper Rob Elliot uses his feet to deny Southend United's top scorer Lee Barnard

Scottish centre back used every ounce and inch of his vast experience to inspire his colleagues.

Despite United's edge in possession, chances were few, Elliot's crucial save being

virtually his only test throughout 93 otherwise awkward minutes. The superb free kick, with which Simon Francis shaved the crossbar, was the closest the somewhat unlucky losers came to

grabbing a point.

There was always the feeling that an equaliser was on the cards but Dailly, Sam Sodje and an increasingly tiring home side stood firm. Perhaps not so much stood firm as wobbled

alarmingly against one of League One's mediocre teams, but the Addicks gamely stuck it out.

As injuries and suspensions bite into his resources, Phil Parkinson is showing imagination in juggling his personnel. There was nothing fluent about this performance but another bumper crowd saluted a spirited display which showed there's another dimension to the side which cruised effortlessly to six straight wins at the start of the season.

They began then as if under the impression it was a sprint; exhausting games like this provide a timely reminder that, to breathe life into a dog-eared cliché, it's always a marathon. The Addicks are coping. But only just!

TEAMS

Chgcharlton (4-4-2): Elliot, Richardson (Omozusi, 46), Sam Sodje, Dailly, Basey, Sam. Racon (Spring, 78), Bailey, Wagstaff, Mooney (Akpo Sodje, 60), Burton. Not used: Randolph, Llera, Shelvey, McLeod.

Southend (4-4-2): Mildenhall, Francis, Morrison, Barrett, Malone, Laurent, McCormack, Grant, Moussa (Scannell, 87), Barnard, Ibehre (Walker, 80). Not used: Bentley, Freedman, O'Keefe.

Referee: D. McDermid.

Attendance: 17,335.

Two bits of luck help the Addicks coast home

TWO timely strokes of first half luck helped Charlton end a six-game winless streak away from home in the curious confines of Brighton's Withdean Stadium last Tuesday. They deserved to win anyway but you know it's your day when the breaks go your way.

A stuttering start seemed likely to be punished after 15 minutes when James Tunnicliffe's header powered Elliott Bennett's outswinging corner against the underside of the bar amid the sound of Seagulls squawking that the ball had crossed the line. Not a bit of it, ruled referee Ward - no doubt correctly. But it was a close call.

No such uncertainty accompanied Deon Burton's ninth goal of the season which put Charlton ahead before the half hour. The wily old pro found space in a congested penalty area to head Nick Bailey's free kick firmly past Graeme Smith's left hand.

by Kevin Nolan

Brighton 0
Charlton Ath 2

The estimable Burton inadvertently contributed to the Addicks' second success eight minutes later. A lightning fast give-and-go between Grant Basey and Lloyd Sam sent Basey sprinting inside right back Gavin Hoyte to cross low and hard to the near post, where Burton's botched effort fell conveniently for Scott Wagstaff to tap home from six yards.

Albion were already a beaten side, grateful much later for the wonderful double-save made by Smith to deny David Mooney a third goal.

Phil Parkinson's decision to start Wagstaff opposite Sam and attack Brighton with two wide men was richly rewarded. Their frequent switching of flanks, supported stoutly by full backs Basey and Elliot

Omozusi, kept the South Coasters on the back foot.

It hasn't always flowed smoothly for Charlton recently but there's a bit about them that digs out results from often unpromising circumstances. And that's down to a confident manager unafraid to make bold selection decisions and tinker with tactics. Charlton are in a safe pair of hands.

TEAMS

Brighton (4-4-2): Smith, Hoyte, Elphick, Tunnicliffe, Navarro, El-Abd (McNulty, 61), Crofts, Murray, Dicker (Davies, 87), Bennett, Forster (Dickinson, 68). Not used: Whing, Cox, Virgo, Pelling.

Charlton (4-4-2): Elliot, Omozusi, Sam Sodje, Dailly, Basey, Sam, Semedo, Bailey, Wagstaff, Mooney (McLeod 88), Burton (Akpo Sodje, 81). Not used: Randolph, Llera, Shelvey, Racon, Spring.

Referee: Gavin Ward.

Attendance: 6,769.



TAP DANCE: Scott Wagstaff is congratulated after tapping in the second goal

SPORT

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DEON TARGET: Charlton striker Deon Burton heads the only goal of the game at The Valley from Lloyd Sam's cross in the 25th minute

Deaon takes game by scruff of the neck

by Kevin Nolan

Charlton Athletic	1
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THE best wine, so they say, comes in the oldest bottles. It's all to do with vintage, apparently, not to mention the patience required to allow maturity its due course.

In Christian Dailly and Deon Burton, Charlton had the two oldest bottles, er, players, on show in this scruffy encounter with Southend and owed them a debt of gratitude that they managed to sneak over the line on their way to three unconvincing but priceless points.

If winning ugly has any merit, then the Addicks can be proud of this victory. It wasn't entirely deserved but since when has justice troubled the conscience of victors?

Almost precisely three years younger than Dailly, 33-year-old Burton has soldiered through a chequered career involving no fewer than 11 clubs in one form or another.

Since arriving at The Valley, initially on loan, in November, 2008, the 60-cap Jamaican international has, however, dropped anchor and is enjoying an Indian Summer of fine form. The 25th-minute goal he scored to beat stubborn Southend was his tenth of an excellent season and showcased the alertness he maintains from whistle to whistle.

Anticipating the direction of Lloyd Sam's left-footed cross from the right wing, after the wide man had checked back inside his marker Scott Malone, Burton expertly timed his lateral run to the near post before directing a firm header off goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall's left hand and inside the right post.

It was a reasonable replica of the goal which propelled Charlton to the winners' enclosure at Brighton in midweek.

Some four minutes before Burton struck, an Addick of more tender years made his own huge contribution to this vital win. Still a comparative kid, 23-year-old Rob

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A Chinese cracker

CHRISTMAS is coming and so's the obligatory office lunch party where you stuff yourself silly, have more than the 'one drink' and then go back to work fighting the instinct to nod off over the keyboard. My thoughts rush forward to Boxing Day when I'll be sick of the sight of the turkey still lurking in the fridge and getting no smaller. The Favourite Inn, Spray Street, Woolwich, just behind the new DLR Station provided me with the perfect solution. The quiet intimate restaurant is currently decked out with stylish, not garish, decorations with table settings to match - even to the festive touch of having a Christmas cracker to pull during the proceedings. There's no queuing to place orders, no loud music or people who've had that one too many and insist on letting everyone know about it. The Christmas Special Lunch is a three course



INTIMATE: the restaurant is stylishly and simply decorated

menu that tempts you with five starters and six main dishes to choose along with special rice or noodles. Vegetable hot & sour soup seemed a perfect start for me followed by a favourite of mine, beef with dry chilli and spring onion. Ice-cream, banana fritters (I'll have those please!) or chilled lychee finishes off an exceptionally tasty, healthy lunch when washed down with a delicious and refreshing pot of China tea. Christmas lunch for only £8.80 per person that tantalises your taste buds,

satisfies your appetite, and doesn't leave a hole in your bank account or fighting to stay awake throughout the afternoon seems very special to me. And with the quick service getting you back to work on time, I'll definitely be heading there again. Well, there's much more to choose from, and I'm equally keen to sample their business lunch menu, from just £4.90 per person. It means next year I'll be saving myself time, money and keeping my New Year's resolution of healthier eating.

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